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## ITALIAN SOVEREIGNTY RECOGNISED IN PROVINCE OF GOJJAM



Sir Thomas Inskip, above, the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, will have too many problems to deal with for him to perform his duties with maximum efficiency, according to Mr. Winston Churchill, who criticised the appointment in the defence debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

### DEFENCE DEBATE IN COMMONS

#### MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS ADVOCATED

##### WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WARNING

London, To-day.  
Mr. Winston S. Churchill, (C., Epping) made his usual powerful contribution to the defence debate in the House of Commons yesterday. He expressed the opinion that it was a serious organisational blunder to link the functions of the head of the supply board with the co-ordination of strategic thought.

For example, Sir Thomas Inskip would have to deal with problems like the retention of the British command in the Mediterranean in the new changed diplomatic conditions there, also the tremendous question of the military value of Russia and whether Britain is endangered from the air not only by bombs but by the substantial landing of forces by air in a country where nobody was armed or trained, and seizing important points for a long time.

At the same time Sir Thomas Inskip would be responsible for seeing that the country has enough cobalt, chromium and nickel and a hundred other vital matters.

In the meantime everything was worse from the peace and safety viewpoint than a year ago. The country would have to pass through a long valley of unprotectedness and in that period events in Europe might reach a climax. Mr. Churchill advocated the establishment of a Ministry of Munitions, with the assistance of a dozen of the most active young business men in the country. — Reuter.

### DEFENCE DEBATE IN COMMONS

#### New Minister's First Speech

##### MANY PROBLEMS FACED

London, To-day.

Sir Thomas Inskip, recently appointed Minister for the Co-ordination of defence, made his first important speech in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, in the course of which he reviewed the nature and scope of the work he has undertaken in nine weeks since he took up the appointment. He described the series of enquiries he has put in hand regarding the vulnerability of the fleet, the air arm and wartime food supplies, and the preliminary steps taken for securing an adequate response from the industrial system to the needs of the defence services and particularly to the requirements of Air Force expansion.

To overtake the accumulated deficiencies of many years in a short period was, Sir Thomas declared, a great enterprise, but he believed they were on the road to accomplishing it. In his opening remarks the Minister drew a line of division between the Opposition and Government supporters. The former, he said, thought there was something ominous in the preparations the country was called upon to make, while the latter were persuaded, as he was, (Continued on Page 8)

#### GRAF ZEPPELIN TO BE OVERHAULED

Frankfurt, To-day. — The airship Graf Zeppelin returned here yesterday from this year's second trip to South America. The dirigible will proceed this morning to Friedrichshafen for overhauling. — Trans-Ocean Service.



Lord Cecil, above, denied that he had opposed the election of China to a seat on the League of Nations Council in an interview with Reuter, yesterday.

### CHINA'S SEAT ON COUNCIL

#### Lord Cecil's Part In Proposal

##### PRESS REPORTS DENIED

London, To-day.

With reference to the foreign agency report in a Geneva message of April 28, alleging that Lord Cecil opposed China's election to a permanent seat on the League Council, Lord Cecil, interviewed by Reuter, said: "This report is absolutely untrue. You need only refer to the official reports thereon. Yesterday I asked Mr. Quo Tai-chi his opinion. He replied that I might quote him, as he fully agreed that I supported the Chinese claim. I may venture to claim that I took the lead in advocating that China be made a permanent member of the Council."

#### NO WATER RESTRICTIONS IN KOWLOON

Following the recent heavy rains, a constant supply of water will be maintained in Kowloon and New Kowloon, as from to-morrow, while the restrictions on the island will be lessened, the hours of supply being 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Asked how the wrong report could have arisen, Lord Cecil replied: "There was a little controversy between the French and myself. They proposed that China be appointed for one year, and that the situation be then reconsidered. I objected that this would require an alteration to the rules. To avoid the possibility of prejudicing China's further appointment, I therefore proposed that the appointment should be for the full three years. The majority of the Council supported me." — Reuter.

#### DORADO LEAVES TWICE

##### "Everything O.K."

The Imperial Airways liner Dorado, which left the Colony at 11 a.m. to-day for Penang, returned to Hong Kong shortly afterwards as the result of engine trouble. The machine, however, took off a second time at 11.45 a.m. for Penang, and a message received shortly afterwards from the Dorado reported "everything O.K."

### CHIEFTAINS MAKE SUBMISSION

#### RED CROSS VIOLATION DENIED BY DOCTOR

##### INTERMARRIAGE WARNING CAUSES SURPRISE IN ROME

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The occupation of the capital of the Province of Gojjam, Debra Markos, was carried out by Italian troops yesterday. The Secretary of the Fascist Party, General Starace, arrived in Debra Markos in a plane with his staff and had the Italian flag hoisted on the castle. All chieftains of the province made their submission, so that Italian sovereignty is formally recognised throughout the province, which will now be systematically penetrated. Among the members of General Starace's staff was the son of Ras Hailu.

A member of the committee of the former Abyssinian Red Cross, a certain Dr. Lambie, has, according to information received from Italian quarters, refuted the statements that Italian air squadrons repeatedly bombed Red Cross units although they were clearly marked. Dr. Lambie is said to have stated that in the cases where Red Cross units were bombed, it was the fault of the Abyssinians as they had often abused the Red Cross symbol.

Rome: The *Messaggero* issues a warning against intermarriage between Italians and Abyssinians, and takes a contrary view to the theory of other papers, which say that the Italian colonial policy should be to make no difference between the white and coloured population. The *Messaggero* states that half-breeds from Italian fathers and Abyssinian mothers have generally developed all the weaknesses of their mothers and none of the good characteristics of their fathers. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Rome: A meeting of the Cabinet — the first since the annexation of Abyssinia — has been summoned for May 30, just after the arrival of Marshal Badoglio for a short holiday. According to one report he will be in Italy only for a few days. It is an open secret that he has suffered from the strain of the campaign.

Signor Mussolini will doubtless consult Marshal Badoglio with regard to the dispositions which should be taken to meet the eventuality of the League Council deciding to continue sanctions, which, in the event of Italy's final break with Geneva, will be seriously considered. It is not believed here that there is any danger of war, and a European war is the last thing Italy desires.

#### DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON

London: It is believed that a general discussion of the Abyssinian situation took place when Signor Grandi, Italian Ambassador in London, saw Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon, though no definite information is available as to the precise lines of the conversation. It is assumed that Signor Grandi reiterated that Italy has no aggressive designs on British interests anywhere.

The British Government is understood to be at present opposed to the withdrawal of the Sikh company at Addis Ababa, as it is too early to say whether all danger of disorder has passed. Consultations took place with France, which is expected also to decide to retain 150 French troops in Dire-dawa. — Reuter.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS RE-ASSEMBLY

London, To-day. — The House of Commons will reassemble after the Whitsuntide Recess on June 9. — British Wireless Service.

## SOLDIER SHOT IN PALESTINE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS FIRED UPON

Jerusalem, To-day. — One member of a party of Cameron Highlanders was shot and wounded in the arm yesterday when British troops were called out to deal with a disturbance on the Jerusalem-Jaffa main road. After the firing of the shot the remainder of the party scoured the hillside, searching for the assailants, who had previously fired 10 shots at a Jewish omnibus, wounding two of the passengers. — Reuter.

### HANDS OFF EGYPT

#### Straight Talk By Britain

##### PRIME MINISTER QUESTIONED IN PARLIAMENT

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was asked at Commons question time yesterday whether, in view of the declaration of the Italian Government annexing the whole of Abyssinia and the consequent menace to the British position in Africa and the Near East, the Government would make it clear in unmistakable terms that in no circumstances would interference with the existing regimes in Egypt and Palestine be permitted; and whether, in view of the changed conditions caused by developments in the air, the question of strengthening Britain's defences in the Suez Canal area would be considered, in consultation with the Egyptian Government.

##### TWO CATEGORIES

Mr. Baldwin replied that it would be realised that Egypt and Palestine were in separate categories. So far as Egypt was concerned His Majesty's Government notified the foreign Powers in March 1922 that they had decided to terminate the protectorate, and recognised that country as a Sovereign Independent State. In so notifying the Powers His Majesty's Government made it clear in unmistakable terms that they would regard as an unfriendly act

any attempt at interference in the affairs of Egypt by any Power, and would consider any aggression against the territory of Egypt as an act to be repelled by all the means at their command. The Premier added: "No further statement appears to be necessary."

A Cairo message states that a battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders was going to Palestine last night to reinforce the British troops there, in consequence of the grave situation. — Reuter's Bulletin Service. (Continued on page 14)

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SUEZ CANAL AREA  
Continuing, he said that as regards the Suez Canal area preliminary conversations were at present being held in Cairo, with a view to the negotiation of a Treaty of Alliance between the United Kingdom and Egypt, and questions connected with the protection of the Canal were being taken into account.

His Majesty's Government were responsible for the administration and protection of Palestine, in accordance with the terms of the Mandate, and intended to discharge their responsibilities to the full. — British Wireless Service.



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### SOVIET PROTEST TO JAPAN

#### Arrest Of Embassy Officials

##### CREATING A DIFFICULT ATMOSPHERE

Moscow, To-day.

The Assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Stomonyakov, has protested to the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Ohta, against the arrest of a number of Japanese employees of the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, following the February revolt.

It is understood that M. Stomonyakov declared that the preparation of proceedings against the accused and the accusations of espionage made by the Japanese press left little doubt that they were directed against the Soviet Embassy.

M. Stomonyakov is understood to have described the charges as absurd and to have reiterated the previous protest concerning the press campaign against the Embassy and the methods adopted by the Japanese authorities, which are creating a difficult atmosphere for the work of the Embassy. — Reuter.

smelter and tin agreement, is proving intractable. There is more disharmony among the four main signatory Powers than for some time. — Reuter.

## NO NEWS OF BONNER MYSTERY SURROUNDS DISAPPEARANCE

London, To-day. — The Foreign Office has received a report from Djibouti stating that Bonner, the Warrant Officer attached to the British Red Cross unit in Abyssinia, has disappeared, and there is no trace of him at Dire-dawa.

The British Consul at Harar, who was instructed to make immediate enquiries when Bonner was alleged to have been arrested by the Italians, approached the Italian authorities, who stated at first that Bonner was a member of the armed forces of Ethiopia and had therefore been arrested, but next day stated that Bonner had disappeared from Dire-dawa two nights previously. No further information has since been received. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.



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Emp. of Canada May 23  
Haruna Maru May 23  
Pres. Van Buren May 23  
Gneisenau May 23  
Bhutan May 23  
Pres. Taft May 23  
Pres. McKinley May 23  
Chitral May 23  
Gen. Sherman May 23

## FROM MANILA

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Tjassara May 23

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

Toba Maru May 22  
Patroclus May 23  
Sirghana May 23  
Tango Maru May 23

## FROM JAPAN

Pres. Van Buren May 22  
Chichibu Maru May 22  
Emp. of Canada May 23  
Haruna Maru May 23  
Kitano Maru May 23  
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Hakodate Maru May 23  
Pres. McKinley May 23  
Chitral May 23  
Gen. Sherman May 23

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Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.  
Haruna Maru (via Marseilles) May 22  
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 6 p.m.  
Gneisenau (via Marseilles) May 22  
Buenos Aires Maru (R.L.M. Service) May 23  
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.  
Tajiko Maru (via San Francisco) May 23  
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.  
Chitral (via Marseilles) May 30

## FOR SHANGHAI

Pres. Jackson May 22  
Tajiko Maru May 23  
Kuingchow May 24

## FOR MANILA

Gneisenau May 22  
Emp. of Canada May 22  
Pres. Van Buren May 22  
Kitano Maru May 22  
Tjassara May 26  
Pres. Taft May 26

## MISSIONARIES IN MANCHURIA

## Heartrending Story Of Persecution

London, To-day.  
Presenting the foreign mission report to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland at Edinburgh, in which the need for more missionaries was stressed, the Rev. Dr. C. W. Taylor, referring to China, said that serious events had been happening in Manchuria. Added to the depredations of bandits came the most terrible experience since the occupation of the land by the Japanese.

Behind short paragraphs in the press lay a heartrending story. Chinese Christians, many of them men of high attainments, pastors and teachers at Mukden College, were subjected to persecution, imprisonment and torture, following charges which proved baseless.—Reuter.

## GOODWILL TOUR OF ORIENT

## Large Party Arrives In Hong Kong

An American party of 23 members arrived here yesterday on the Empress of Canada on a goodwill tour of the Orient. The party is organized by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and is led by Mr. Carl E. McStay, a past director of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. E. F. MacDonough, Foreign Trade Commissioner of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The party will visit Manila on the Empress of Canada, returning through Hong Kong next week.

The members of the party are: Mr. and Mrs. MacDonough, Mrs. S. Wright, Mrs. W. F. Howard, Mrs. M. D. Davey, Mrs. E. G. Nourse, Mrs. P. J. Tyler, Mrs. A. (Continued in next column.)

## FOR AUSTRALIA

R.M.A. Dorado May 22  
Kitano Maru May 22

## FOR U.S.A.

Pres. Jackson May 22  
Tajiko Maru May 23

## FOR JAPAN

Pres. Jackson May 22  
Chakwang May 23

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Haruna Maru May 22  
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## S.P.C.A. Meeting

## Good Work Done During Year

## Special Money-Prizes For Eating-Houses

The President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the annual general meeting of which was held yesterday afternoon, announced that the Society had decided to donate three money-prizes to the eating-houses against which the fewest number of complaints about the ill-treatment of animals and birds are received during the coming year. Sir Henry Pollock also announced that the Society proposes to institute proceedings against all people guilty of ill-treating pigs being handled between the landing-stages and the slaughter-houses at Kennedy Town and Maitaukok.

The President also made a reference to the newly-passed Ordinance for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and expressed the thanks of the Society to all those who helped in its work during the past year.

Among those present were Mr. H. M. Cockle (Hon. Secretary), Lady Pollock, Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Mrs. F. H. Loseby, Messrs. F. H. Loseby, J. Russell, M. P. Talati, R. Pestonji, Mrs. Mackenzie and Miss Mitchell. There was a small attendance of members.

**President's Speech**  
In his speech the President, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, said:—"Ladies and Gentlemen—I propose, as President, to review briefly the Society's activities since our last Annual Meeting in May, 1935."

"Generally speaking, we have carried on our work of educating Chinese who have the care of animals in regard to what constitutes cruelty, and, although we have still to deplore the fact that animals and birds are kept under unsatisfactory conditions in the bird-shops and eating-houses, I am satisfied, not only from the reports of our Inspector but also from the visits of members of our Committee who have been good enough to undertake this work, that there has been some improvement in the conditions under which animals and birds are being kept. In order to encourage the owners of eating-houses to keep their livestock in a clean and better condition, the Society are awarding three money-prizes. Members of our Committee visit these eating-houses periodically, and at the end of the year the shops with the least number of complaints against them will receive the rewards."

**Cruelty To Pigs**  
"Our attention has been directed lately to the cruelty which takes place in the handling of pigs between the landing-stages at Kennedy Town and Maitaukok and the slaughter-houses at those places. Pigs which are thus in transit and are unable, owing to injured legs or cramp, to get along, are cruelly prodded, and I take this opportunity of stating that in future prosecutions will be instituted."

"I hope that the Committee of the Hong Kong Live Pig Merchants Association, who have recently improved the conditions under which live pigs are transported in boats from Hong Kong to Kowloon, will promptly take steps to see that sufficient carrying coolies or lorries are provided to put an end to this form of cruelty."

**Dogs Under Observation**  
"During the course of the past year the Society had to bring before the Officer Administering the Government the very unsatisfactory conditions in which the dogs under observation were housed and kept at the Kennels in Kennedy Town. As a result of our representations considerable structural alterations and improvements were made, which have secured a certain amount of comfort to those dogs which have to spend a period of observation there."

"The Dogs' Home, near Kowloon City, which is under the sole and very able management of Mrs. Loseby, who has now devoted herself for nearly 18 months on end to this task continues to do excellent work. Our most hearty thanks are due to Mrs. Loseby for her labours."

**Essay Competition**  
"The Girl Guides were invited to write essays, the subject for competition this year being: 'What animals would be suitable for pets and how should they be kept?' A considerable number of essays were sent, both in English and in Chinese, and Lady Pollock presented the winners with small silver cups which were miniatures of the Challenge Cup."

"Six months ago an Ordinance for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals was passed in this Colony. This measure is based to a great extent upon the provisions of the Straits Settlements and English laws concerning cruelty to animals, combined with the Live Stock Import and Export Ordinance, 1903, and the Regulations made thereunder."

"Sheep and goats in this Colony are humanely stunned before being killed. Recently a letter has been sent to the Government urging that bullocks and pigs should be humanely stunned before being slaughtered."

**Thanks Expressed**  
"The Accounts of the Society, which have been kindly audited gratis by Messrs. Thomson and Co., are being laid upon the table. We take this opportunity of thanking the Government for having put up dollar for dollar the amount received by our Society in donations. We also thank Mrs. Hole and her fellow-workers for carrying out a successful Flag Day."

"In conclusion I desire to thank the Officers of this Society and also Members of the various Committees and Sub-Committees for their co-operation and assistance during the past twelve months."

"I now beg formally to move the adoption of the Report and Accounts."

## PRISON FIGHT SEQUEL

## Manslaughter Charge At Sess.on

## VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY"

The hearing of the case against Lau Fong, aged 19, charged with the manslaughter of Tsoi Fong, aged 35, a fellow-prisoner at Lai-chikok Prison, was concluded before Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden yesterday afternoon at the Criminal Sessions, the jury returning a verdict of "Not Guilty."

The jury took almost an hour to arrive at their verdict, which was unanimous. The accused was accordingly discharged, as he had already served his term of nine months' imprisonment for breach of a deportation order. It is understood, however, that he will be re-banished.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, and the accused, who was not legally represented, pleaded self-defence.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. H. H. Pethick (Foreman), C. W. L. Spradbery, G. L. Fenton, Wong Sui-ki, Pong King-cheong, Lo Kwan-wai, and R. J. K. Walker.

After Chief Warder J. W. Fitzgerald had testified to the issuance of knives to prisoners engaged in mat-making, the statement made by the accused at the police station, in reply to the charge, was read out by Ma Saimin, the interpreter.

This concluded the case for the prosecution, and the accused, asked if he wished to say anything, reiterated, from the dock, his statement made when he was first charged.

## Appeal to Jury

Turning to the jury, the accused said: "Gentlemen of the jury, I know I have killed a man and I know I am guilty and have done wrong. But I had no grudge against him and I did not kill him intentionally. I hope you and His Lordship will deal with me leniently because of my age. If I am given a short sentence I promise you that upon my discharge I will become a good citizen."

In the course of his summing-up, His Lordship directed the jury not to take into consideration what the accused had just said, that he knew he was guilty, but to consider the evidence placed before them. The accused had maintained throughout that the deceased assaulted him first and that he struck his knee in self-defence.

Reviewing the evidence, His Lordship said there were conflicting stories in regard to the incident. One of the prisoners, who was in the mat-making party and who had since been discharged had said that the deceased assaulted the accused first, whereas the Indian warder on duty had testified that it was an entirely unprovoked attack on the part

of the accused.

According to Dr. Newton, the deceased was a much bigger man than the accused, and it was unlikely, therefore, that the accused was the aggressor.

The jury retired for 50 minutes and returned a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty."

In thanking the jury for their careful consideration of the case, His Lordship said that in view of the fact that they had spent two whole days listening to the trial, he would make a recommendation that they be exempted from further service for one year.

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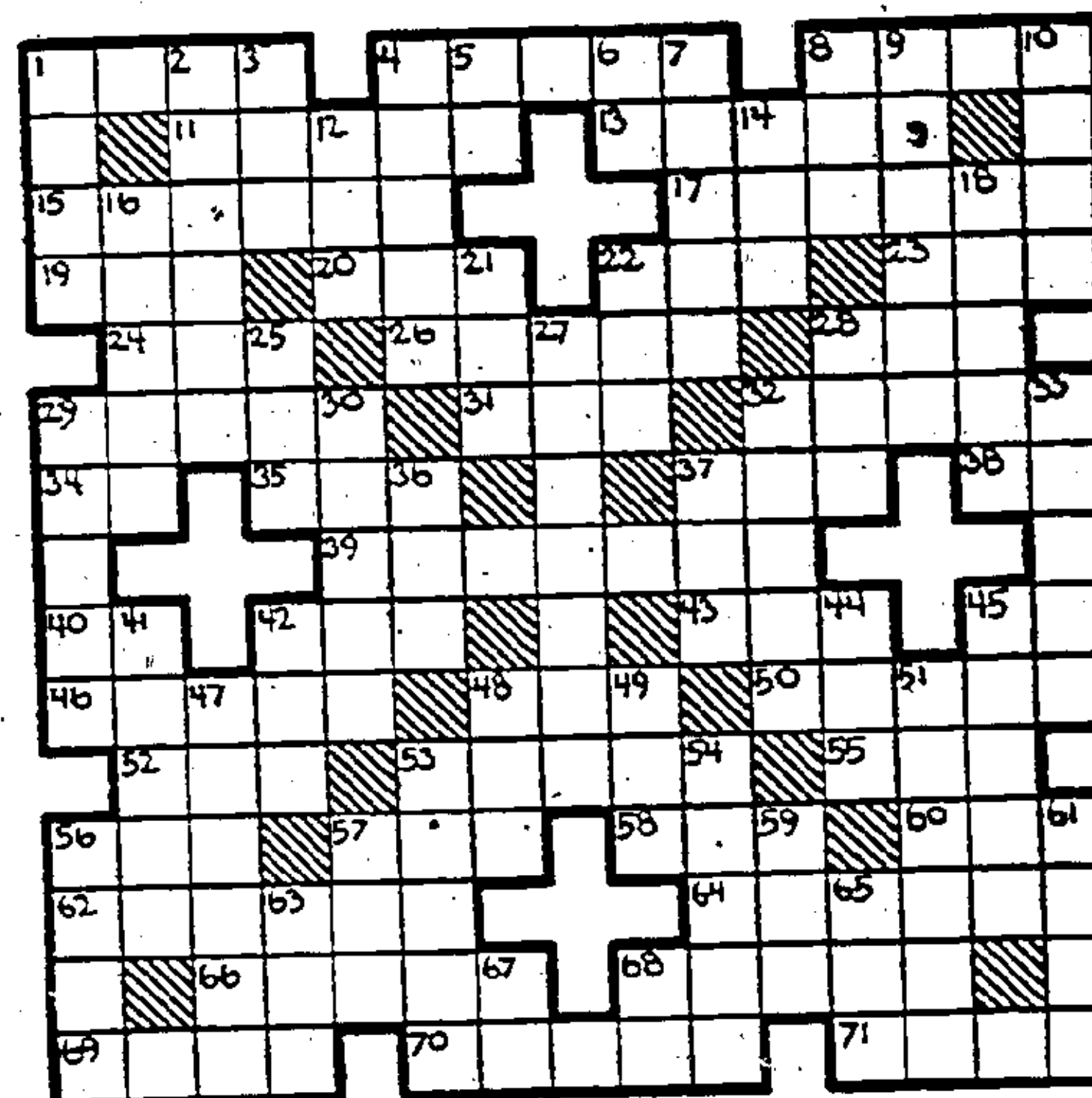
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



## HORIZONTAL

1-To mimic in derision  
4-The staff of life  
8-Dry  
11-Memento  
12-Map out  
15-Old musical instrument  
17-Penetrates  
19-Addition  
20-Half a score  
22-Flying mammal  
23-Female deer  
24-Snare  
26-More certain  
28-Edge  
29-North American buffalo  
31-Golf mound  
32-Angle in a fort  
34-Army Corps (abbr.)  
35-Small lump of butter  
37-Gain  
38-Negative  
39-Made a misstep  
40-Upon  
42-Period of time  
43-Condensed moisture  
45-That is (Lat. abbr.)  
46-Pertaining to the navy  
48-Without moisture  
50-Sprinkles with sand  
52-Remark (abbr.)

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

53-Assumes an attitude  
55-Expletive  
56-Foot-like organ  
57-Swiss river  
58-Male descendant  
60-Feline  
62-Ayer  
64-Intermission  
65-Exotic  
68-A Roman historian  
69-Narrate  
70-River in India  
71-Heavenly body

## VERTICAL

1-Crowd  
2-Lawless acts  
3-Know (Scot.)  
4-Seizes with the teeth  
5-Red Cross (abbr.)  
6-Near  
7-Dreary (Poet.)  
8-Perform  
9-Covered with reeds  
10-Portion of medicine  
12-Permit  
14-An insect  
16-The three wars of Rome with Carthage  
18-Native of Rome  
21-A fruit  
22-An insect

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

25-Cover  
27-A farm machine (pl.)  
28-A fowl  
29-An English title  
30-British province of the Union of South Africa  
32-Traverses in a vehicle  
33-Remarks  
36-Attempt  
37-Mary  
41-The nostrils  
42-Restrain  
44-Small, compact mass  
45-Opinions  
47-Ship  
48-June-bug  
49-Affirmative reply  
51-Most pleasant  
53-Italian prima donna  
54-Inflamed places on the skin  
55-Gone by  
57-A constellation  
58-The sea-god (abbr.)  
61-Russian title  
62-Old English measure  
65-Kind of lettuce  
67-Half an em  
68-Name unknown (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



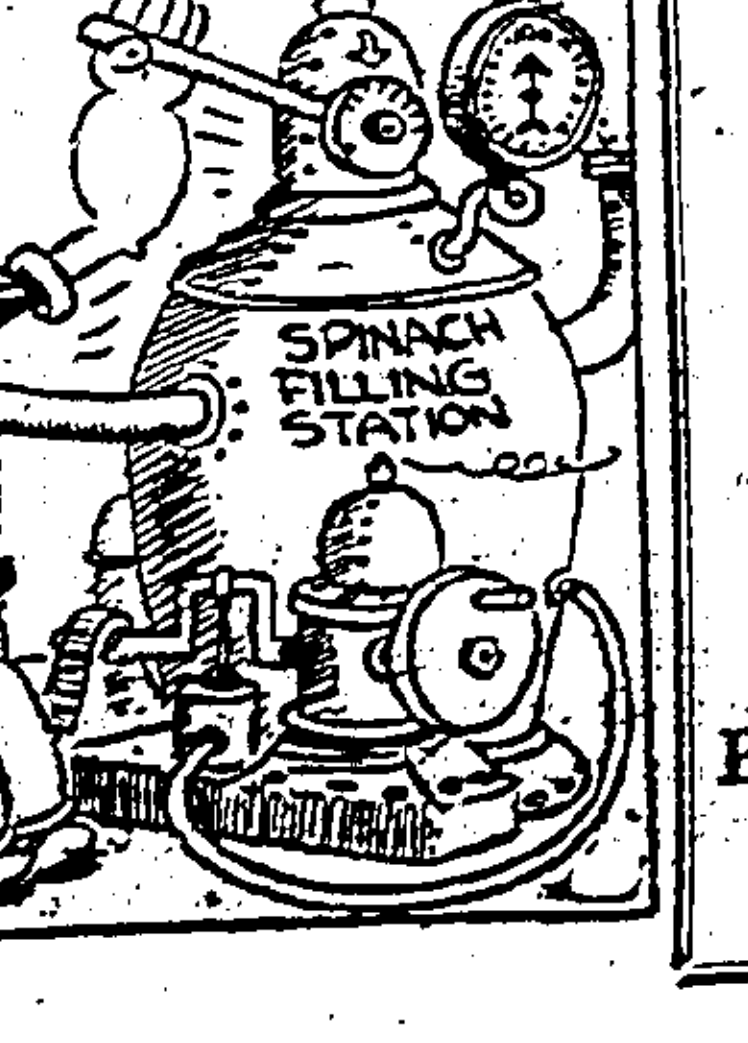
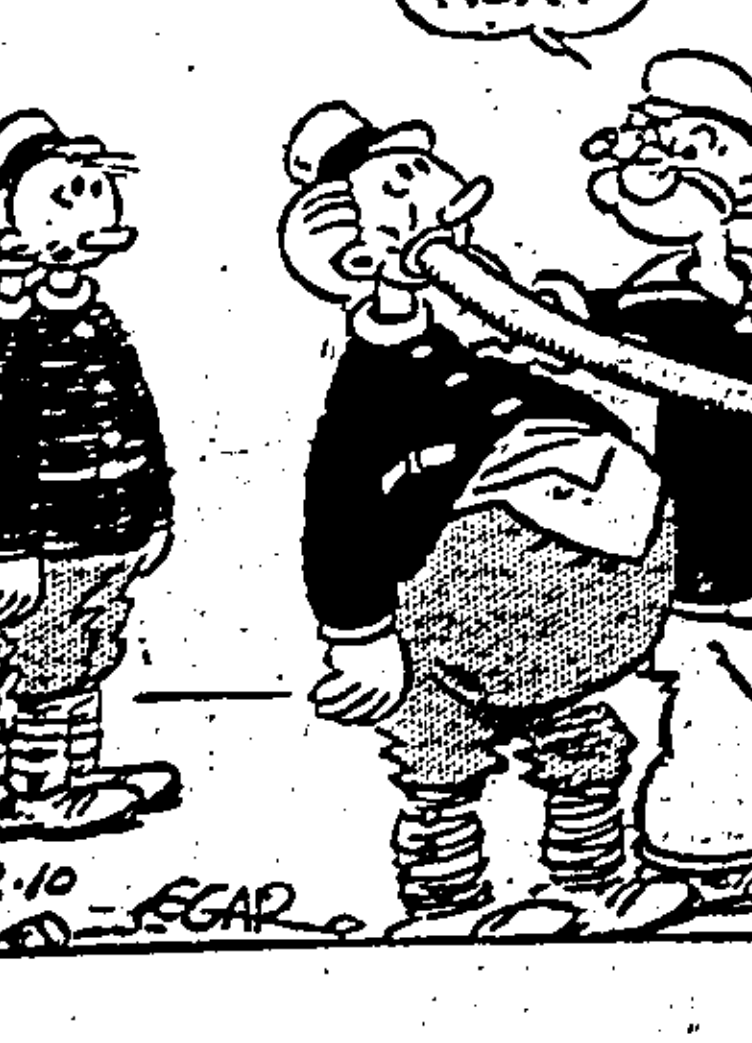
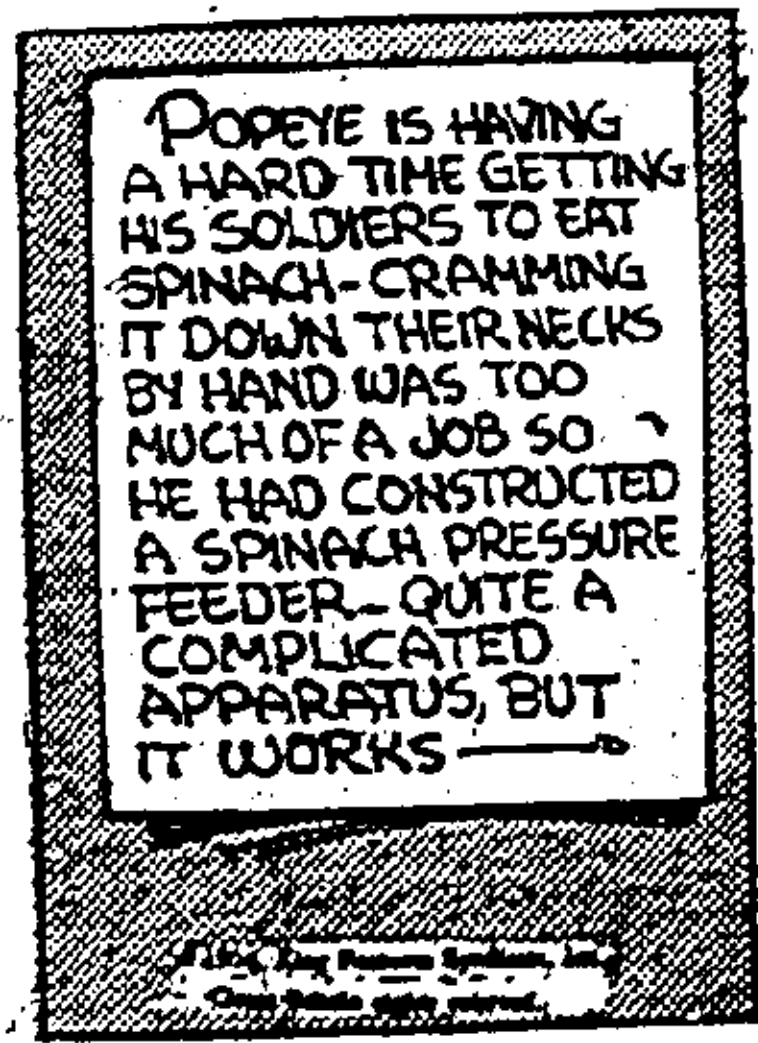
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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Edward Arnold is in the Columbia production, "Crime and Punishment," which will soon be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres.

## Short Shots

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Harriet Hilliard has scored such a hit in "Follow the Fleet" that R.K.O. have signed her to do three more pictures in the year. This means a sad loss for her husband Ozzie Nelson and his Band, as she has been soloist with him ever since he made her give up ballet-dancing and taught her how to put over a song instead.

Dolores del Rio is now in England to co-star with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. in "Accused." Thornton Freeland, the American director, will be in charge.

The daughter of Mrs. Ria Gable—Georgina—who married last year, has had a son, so this makes Clark Gable (her step-father) a "step-grandfather," if there is such a relationship.

The real reason Sonnie Hale has decided to retire from films is because of the success British films are making in America. He wisely realises that British humour does not appeal to the Americans, so as he has been hitherto responsible for most of the humour in his wife's pictures (Jessie Matthews) and he knows she has scored with the American market, he will direct her pictures instead of acting in them, and thus Sonnie makes the first sacrifice on the later of international films.

Carole Lombard and Fred MacMurray are taking singing lessons in earnest, as "Arthur Hornblow" (who hopes to marry Myrna Loy shortly) will produce a musical co-starring these two for Paramount. Carole has already shown how well she can dance in films with George Raft.

Paramount are planning to revive "Beau Geste" in all-colour with Gary Cooper in the role originally played by Ronald Colman. Henry Hathaway (Bengal Lancer), will direct.

Ronald Colman's next picture will be "Lost Horizon." Edward Everett Horton and Jane Wyatt are in the cast.

Myrna Loy will have Warner Baxter as her leading man in "To Mary, With Love." Twentieth Century have borrowed her from M.G.M. for this picture.

Gene Markey, husband of Joan Bennett, has given up writing and will in future become an associate producer with Darryl Fannuck.

Gregory Ratoff is another who will give up acting for directing, as soon as he finishes his work in "The Road to Glory," which co-stars Warner Baxter and Fredric March, with Lionel Barrymore in another magnificent role.

Jeanette MacDonald will sing the "Jewel Song" from "Faust," and an aria from "Manon" in her next release, co-starring with Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy in "San Francisco," with direction by W. S. van Dyke.

Madeleine Carroll is one of the richest stars in the films. She is now in her lovely home in Beverly Hills (making a picture for Walter Wanger) and in addition to this she owns a wonderful villa in Italy, a flat in Piccadilly, and a very lovely house in the English country. Before she tried her luck on the stage she earned a bare living teaching French in a private school.—DIANE.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### Three Notrump Response

By Ely Culbertson

Over an opening suit bid of one by partner, a take-out of three no trump begins where two no trump leaves off, but, as is the case in determining between one and two no trump, it must be noted that there is more than a shade of difference between these bids. In other words, where the two no trump take-out showed a minimum of 2½ honour tricks, a three no trump response must, as a minimum, contain at least one full additional trick, or 3½. Moreover, the three no trump take-out should be used for only one distribution, namely, 4 3 3 3, and must contain a stopper in the three unbid suits [other than partner's].

Examples of three no trump bids over partner's one diamond:

S. A 8 3 S. A Q 6 S. K Q 10  
H. K Q 8 H. A Q 8 H. A Q 5  
D. A 10 8 D. 4 3 2 D. K 7 4  
C. Q J 9 5 C. K J 10 8 C. K 10 9 6

While a three no trump take-out is not a demand that partner bid again, obviously it shows slam possibilities by simple high card placing. The first bidder should rebid when he holds substantially more, in either honour tricks or distribution, than his opening bid advertised.

The hand shown to-day is of the type that contains a sheer guess as to the proper play. But there usually is a psychological angle to such guesses, and the declarer fell back on this as his deciding factor.

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

S. 8 7 2 S. 8 3 S. J 10 5 4  
H. A Q 10 7 4 H. 8 3 W. E. H. J 9 5  
D. 5 3 D. Q 10 8 4 2 S. D. K 9 6  
C. 10 7 4 C. J 9 3 C. A 5 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1NT Pass 2NT Pass

3NT [final bid]

West opened the four of diamonds and, when East put up the king, the declarer was faced with a serious problem. In sight were five heart tricks, two spades, and one diamond, but a club trick, for his ninth trick, depended on which opponent held the ace, and on how many diamond tricks could be won by the defenders. If the club ace were in the East hand, South had merely to hold up his diamond ace until the third round to insure that West, if he held a five card or longer suit, never could regain the lead. But if he were blindly to hold up the diamond ace, later to discover that it was West who had the ace of clubs, he would have sacrificed an extra diamond stopper needlessly.

Between this Scylla and Charybdis was one ray of hope. If he guessed wrong—that is, played West for the club ace when East actually had it—there was a good chance to sneak through a club trick before the situation should have been fully disclosed. So he won the first diamond lead, played a small heart to dummy's queen, and carefully led the club ten, simulating a finesse. East fell into the trap, playing low, and, of course, South went up with the queen and rattled off his nine tricks.



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Pianoforte Recital by Nura Kanis from Studio

"Book Reviews" by A.D.

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

12.50 p.m.—Rumbas on Toast played by Arthur Young and Harry Forsythe.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.

1.15 p.m.—RELAY—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra Luncheon Programme.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, Local: Weather forecast, time and announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Relay—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra Luncheon Programme.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

2.17 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—"Leonore Overture" (Beethoven).

7.13 p.m.—Excerpts from "The Mikado" (Gilbert and Sullivan).

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7.30 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.

The B.E.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

7.50 p.m.—From the Studio.

"Book Reviews" by A.D.

8 p.m.—Local: The Signal, Weather Report, Stock Quotations and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—Three Songs by Len Bermon (with Step-Dancing).

1. We Agree perfectly.

2. On top of a Bus.

3. Leave the pretty girls alone.

8.15 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Saxophone Recital by L. Palapo accompanied by Professor F. Gonzalez

Programme

1. Valse Caprice ..... Thomson.

2. Melodie ..... Tchaikovsky.

3. Berceuse ..... Godard.

8.30 p.m.—A Jazz Piano Recital by Patricia Rossborough.

1. The Town Talks—Selection.

2. Rose-Marie—Selection.

3. Broadway Melody of 1936—Selection.

4. Please Teacher—Selection.

5. Sweetheart Joe The Candy Man.

8.45 p.m.—Songs by Charles Kullman (Tenor).

1. Still as the Night. (Bohm).

2. Serenade. (Bavini).

3. Thora. (Adams).

4. Vienna City of my dreams (Lockton).

5. Les Millions D'Arlequin (Drigo).

9 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry

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9.20 p.m.—"With the Classics" (arr. Sidney Crook).

9.30 p.m.—Two Numbers by Sir Harry Lauder (Comedian).

1. It's A'Roos Th'oon (Lauder).

2. Always take care of your pennies (Lauder).

9.40 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Pianoforte Recital by Nura Kanis.

Programme

1. Polichinelle

2. Valse

3. Prelude in G Minor

4. Elegy

10 p.m.—Big Ben from Daventry.

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11 p.m.—Close Down.

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# Sporting Page

## FOOT-FAULTING IN BOWLS TOURNAMENTS MUST BE STOPPED



J. E. Noronha, above, and his partner F. A. M. da Silva, entered the Second Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship last Wednesday when they beat C. Pile and C. Downman.

### WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE

Miss Pam Barton's Success

UNEXPECTEDLY EASY WIN

London, To-day. Miss Pamela Barton (Surrey) beat Miss Bridget Newell (Derbyshire) in the Final of the British Women's Golf Championship at Southport yesterday by 7 and 5. A cold "north-easter" was blowing when the match, which was over 36 holes, was played. Both players were erratic but Miss Barton was more reliable through the green. She was three up at the 18th, with a score of 79, as against her opponent's 84.

Below is shown how the two players reached the final. Miss Pamela Barton beat Miss Diana Plumpton, 1 up; Miss Jessie Pirth, 5 and 4; Mrs. Glutting (U.S.A.), 2 and 2; Miss Doris Wilkins, 4 and 2; Miss Kathleen Garnham, 5 and 4. Miss Bridget Newell beat Miss Wanda Morgan, (holder) 3 and 1; Miss Diana Fishwick, 2 up; Mrs. Newton, 3 and 2; Miss Marion Miley (U.S.A.), 4 and 3; Miss Molly Gourlay, 3 and 2.

### GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	H. A. Brown, J. S. Dunnett.
9.24	J. S. Dykes, T. R. Rowell.
9.28	R. L. S. Webb, D. S. Robb.
9.32	A. McKellar, R. H. MacGregor.
9.36	A. Mack, F. H. King.
9.40	G. S. Chambers, F. A. M. Elliott.
9.44	F. C. Young, W. N. A. Smalley.
9.48	P. Morrison, R. H. Collins.

### NEW SOCCER RULING

PROTECTING THE GOALKEEPER

SEQUEL TO CUSTODIAN'S DEATH

London, April 21. Since the death of James Thorpe, of Sunderland, it has been felt that goalkeepers should be given more protection. The authorities have now acted.

When the F. A. Council meet in London on Friday they will consider the following motion passed by the Referees' Committee:

"Although a player is entitled to charge the goalkeeper when the latter is in possession of the ball—i.e., holding the ball—it is not permissible to kick or attempt to kick the ball under such circumstances. The use of the foot made to violent conduct, and should be dealt with by the referee accordingly."

The Referees' Committee sug-

### "B" DIVISION LEAGUE TENNIS PROSPECTS

CRAIGENGOWER MAKE STRONG BID

C.R.C. AGAIN HAVE GOOD MATERIAL

(By "Saladin")

ALTHOUGH the League Lawn Tennis season starts next Monday, many of the Clubs have not definitely selected their representatives for the "B" Division. South China Athletic Association, who won the shield last year and who are this year competing in the "A" Division, are not defending their title, so there is a certain amount of speculation as to who will succeed them. In all 10 teams have entered, two of which are from the Chinese Recreation Club.

The stronger of the two Chinese Recreation Club teams is captained by Lee Yu Wing, who has had considerable experience in the League. He first played for South China several years ago, but recently turned out regularly for the C.R.C. He will have several good players to draw upon, including Lu Tak-lam, Hon Lui-fung, Tsoi Ping-fan, Tsang Chung-nin, Ng Kam-chuen and Luk Chan-cheung.

Of these, Tsoi Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen were regular partners in the past and performed well, so that, if paired again, they should prove one of the leading partnerships in this division. Luk Chan-cheung may have Wong Siu-wing as his partner, but the latter is likely to be selected for the Club in the "A" Division. The two should form a strong combination as they represented South China in the "A" Division for several years.

Craigengower can well lay claims to be one of the strongest teams in the "B" Division. Most of their representatives have acquired valuable experience in the "A" Division, and the Club's decision to compete in the junior section has greatly enhanced their prospects of finishing at the top of the table.

Hachiuma Late Starter

Hachiuma will not be available at the start, but will rejoin the team before the season is greatly advanced. W. J. Howard captains the club, and may look with confidence to a team composed of the following:—J. W. Leonard, Y. Hachiuma, R. Choa, G. Lai, F. Zimmern, H. S. Rathour, T. L. Locke, O. Sadick and A. Hung. Much will depend on their pairing, as it will not be easy to find a suitable partner for Leonard, who is one of the mainstays of the side. Robert Choa is playing as well as ever, and shows no signs of losing interest in the game and the League, while the others are also making headway in the game.

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### U.S.R.C. TENNIS TEAMS

To Meet K.C.C. In The Mixed Doubles

The United Services Recreation Club will open their League tennis programme on Monday when they are due to meet the Kowloon Cricket Club in the Mixed Doubles Division and the following players will represent the U.S.R.C., although the pairings have not yet been decided upon:—

Mrs. Kayll, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Dowling, L. Goldman, A. L. Sullivan and Major R. L. Witherington.

On Tuesday the U.S.R.C. will meet the Indian Recreation Club in the "A" Division of the Tennis League when they will be represented by:—

L. Goldman and A. L. Sullivan, Major R. L. Witherington and Wing Commander A. G. Bishop, Lieut. Com. G. F. Stapleton and Lieut. Col. J. C. Brewer.

It is suggested that this recommendation be made to the Rules Revision Committee, and that it be adopted as an instruction to referees under Law 8.



R. P. Phillips, above, the former Shanghai Interport lawn bowler, is playing extraordinarily well at the present moment and is the leading K.C.C. skip.

### POPULARITY OF LAWN BOWLS ON INCREASE

Championships Are More Open

LAST YEAR'S PAIRINGS BROKEN UP

(By "SKIP")

The growing popularity of bowls is proved by the record number of entries received for all the Open competitions this year. Out of the 103 entrants for the Singles Championship, several former champions have entered.

R. Duncan the reigning champion, is of course, defending his title, while R. F. Luz, A. W. Grimmett, A. M. Holland, U. M. Omar, L. A. Gutierrez and A. Hyde Lay, all former holders, have again entered. J. Watson, R. Goodman, R. P. Phillips, R. Basa, J. Fraser, A. E. Silkestone, A. E. Coates, J. McKelvie, J. V. Ramsay, F. Jones, J. Shepherd, H. A. Alves, C. G. Silva, and J. Noronha, are all Interceptors, and strong challengers.

(Continued on Page 5)

### NO LAWN BOWLS

The rain which fell yesterday resulted in another complete postponement of Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship matches. These games will now be played on Thursday next.

### ASSOCIATION MAKE MOVE AT LAST

INFRINGEMENT DOES HELP PLAYER

THE APPOINTMENT OF UMPIRES

(By "Skip")

THE rain last Friday night, followed by spasmodic showers on Saturday morning caused the postponement of all last week's League matches, so I must confine my remarks this week to what I might call generalities. In the first place I want to congratulate the person responsible for the excellent way the fixtures have been drawn up.

In almost every case a club plays home and away matches on alternative Saturdays which is as it should be. Last year, and years previously, we had some teams playing as many as four matches in succession at home with a similar number away in second half of the programme, an arrangement which was neither convenient nor equitable.

Furthermore, the Association are to be commended on their action in sending a circular to all clubs on the subject of foot-faulting, which is so common in the local game. From general observation, I cannot say that there has been a very great improvement to date, but perhaps when the players really get down to it in the Open competitions they will realise that the Association means business.

I hope that the Association will indicate immediately that something is to be done about it and not wait until the late rounds, when a law-abiding player may have been ousted by a "foot-faulter." I would suggest that the Association write to all clubs or to the various Bowls Conveners asking for their co-operation in appointing umpires to all matches played on their greens.

### An Improvement

The fact that a man is a member of the Bowls sub-committee of his club is an indication that he is keen on the game, and it is a natural assumption that he would be willing to give up one evening a fortnight in order to umpire a match—the same facility, it must be remembered, will be afforded a member of his club when playing away from home. If bowls conveners would appoint members of their committees who are willing to look after these "Open" matches, emphasising the points in the Association letter, I think that an improvement would be effected.

It is realised that there are difficulties in carrying out the rules, but the fact remains that it is up to the H.K.L.B.A., as the ruling body, to see that these are adhered to.

There are players who say that it is of no advantage to foot-fault, but I disagree. On a heavy green it is a decided advantage to be able to allow the body to do some of the work, especially when a heavy shot is required. Then again, the foot-faulters do not confine themselves to merely going forward off the mat; not a few go off at an angle of about 45 degrees, which in some cases makes a seemingly impossible shot just possible. True, it may cause a player to lose his balance when a bad shot results, but how many of us have seen miraculous shots drawn by men standing off the mat.

The second record to fall was in the 110-metre high hurdles, when Huang Ying-chieh of Canton made the fast time of sixteen seconds, bettering the old mark by one-fifth of a second.

Peng Yung-ching of Peiping record-holder, improved upon his own mark by throwing the javelin a distance of 51.53 metres, which is 1.34 metres better than the old record. The new mark is equivalent to 169 feet 1 inch.



A. W. Grimmett, above, who achieved phenomenal success two years ago in the Open Lawn Bowls Championships, when he won the Open Singles and Pairs and Rinks titles, will prove a big menace to R. Duncan, the present holder of the title.

### CHAMPIONS HAVE EASY ENCOUNTER

Happy Valley "Derby" Encounter

K.C.C. FAVOURED TO BEAT CRAIGENGOWER "B"

(By "SKIP")

Another interesting Lawn Bowls League programme is promised this week and some very even, and probably exciting, encounters should take place. Craigengower "A", who meet the Indians on their own ground, should prove far too good—and I have not forgotten that the Indians were the surprise team of last season and caused several major upsets.

The next match on the card is in the nature of a local "Derby" and a really good tussle should ensue between the Civil Servants and the Police. The latter just managed to snatch the points in the corresponding match last year, but I do not think they will be able to repeat the performance.

Taikoo Club visit the Bowling Green, and here again another close match is promised, with the ground advantage proving just enough to turn the scales in favour of the Austin Road team.

### Close Struggle Forecasted

Club de Recreio should have little difficulty in accounting for the Kowloon Dock team, even if they are at full strength and the K.C.C. should get the better of Craigengower "B", but not by a large margin.

In the Second Division there should be at least two away wins. The Football Club "A" team is, on paper, strong enough to extend Craigengower, but the "latter" should just snatch the points.

The two away winners will probably be Club de Recreio and the Bowling Green. The former meet the Electricians at Ming Yuen, where the Green has been further improved lately, whilst the junior champions travel down to North Point to play the Yacht Club.

### "Skip's" Forecast

#### FIRST DIVISION

C.C.C. "A" (79)	INDIANS (40)
C.S.C.C. (57)	POLICE (59)
K.B.G.C. (—)	TAIKOO (—)
RECREIO (72)	K.D.R.C. (41)
K.C.C. (77)	C.C.C. "B" (52)

#### SECOND DIVISION

C.C.C. (55)	H.K.F.C. "A" (57)
POLICE (57)	C.S.C.C. (61)
YACHT CLUB (52)	K.B.G.C. (76)
ELECTRIC (53)	RECREIO (64)
H.K.F.C. "B" (—)	K.C.C. (—)

## Selected Lawn Bowls Teams For To-morrow

The following are selected lawn bowls teams for to-morrow:—

#### FIRST DIVISION

##### C.S.C.C.

P. E. Knight, J. Cook, C. Strange, F. Jones (skip).

H. R. Major, W. J. Burling, J. F. Macgowan, J. W. Deakin (skip), J. Gellatley, L. A. Collyer, J. Hollidge (skip).

##### Kowloon B.G.C.

E. W. Lines, J. Watson, W. McFarlane, L. Guy (skip).

S. Bright, R. Hall, S. Randie, R. Duncan (skip).

J. Benson, J. G. Meyer, M. Henderson, A. M. Holland (skip).

##### K.C.C.

H. Gittins, W. J. Geall, E. C. Fincher and J. Fraser (skip).

A. E. Silkestone, W. Hyde, N. J. Bobbington and E. P. Phillips (skip).

G. Lee, E. G. Craig, P. Goodwin and A. Hyde-Lay (skip).

##### Indian R.C.

D. M. Khan, S. M. Rumjahn, M. Y. Adal, A. B. Dallah (skip).

J. Hoosen, R. A. Minn, A. H. Rumjahn, R. A. Minn (skip).

M. R. Abbas, A. Baker, A. M. Wahab, A. O. Mader (skip).

##### C.C.C. "A"

A. E. Coates, A. A. Razack, Rumjahn, R. T. Lee (skip).

C. S. Sammons, A. S. Gomes, el Arculli, U. M. Omar (skip).

J. S. Landolt, V. N. Atienza, J. Cavanagh, R. Basa (skip).

##### C.C.C. "B"

A. J. Coelho, B. Whiteman, M. A. R. Souza, C. S. Bonselet (skip).

J. W. Leonard, H. W. Randall, A. M. Omar, W. V. Field (skip).

J. R. Soares, W. K. Way, K. M. Omar, W. Gill (skip).

##### Kowloon B.G.C.

E. W. Lines, J. Watson, W. McFarlane, L. Guy (skip).

S. Bright, R. Hall, S. Randie, R. Duncan (skip).

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H. Gittins, W. J. Geall, E. C. Fincher and J. Fraser (skip).

A. E. Silkestone, W. Hyde, N. J. Bobbington and E. P. Phillips (skip).

G. Lee, E. G. Craig, P. Goodwin and A. Hyde-Lay (skip).

##### Recreio

J. E. Noronha, D. C. Alves, G. M. P. Remedios, C. G. Silva (skip).

A. A. Remedios, E. M. Remedios, F. V. V. Ribeiro, H. A. Alves (skip).

L. A. Gutierrez, L. F. Xavier, J. J. Basto, F. X. M. de Silva (skip).

##### Football Club "B"

C. W. H. Wilson, P. Morgan, E. S. Carter, J. A. Selby (skip).

J. H. Gelling, A. McKellar, N. M. Currie, A. Chapman (skip).

G. E. Stevens, R. A. Tengrove, A. Humphrey, E. J. Edwards (skip).

##### Recreio

F. A. Xavier, A. V. Barros, C. H. Basto, H. Rozario (skip).

F. A. Machado, J. M. S. Rozario, P. A. Yvanovich, L. E. Guterres (skip).

Dr. A. P. Guterres, C. R. Pereira, L. J. Silva, F. X. Soares (skip).

##### Kowloon B.G.C.

W. L. Walker, K. C. Hamilton, C. B. Hosking, H. H. Rose (skip).

B. S. Rogers, S. M. White, S. Drake, G. Sheriff (skip).

F. Cheesman, R. O. Reed, J. C. Gull, E. F. Thompson (skip).

##### K.C.C.

W. Malachy, A. Nissim, V. C. Labrum and J. M. Jack (skip).

C. Fletcher, J. S. Dimen, A. Spary and H. Overy (skip).

S. J. Houghton, W. W. Hirst, T. W. Carr and L. E. Lammert (skip).

##### Football Club "A"

F. P. Anslow, V. Walker, S. B. Strange, J. Russell (skip).

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E. C. Strange, J. Dolson, P. H. W. Hynes, J. Rodger (skip).



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POPULARITY OF LAWN BOWLS  
ON INCREASE

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The Association have wisely left  
the commencement of the Singles  
event until some of the Pairs' mat-  
ches have been played off. Most  
of last year's pairs have been  
broken up, either through Home  
leave, or other contingencies, but  
some very strong partnerships  
have entered.

#### New Partners

Both skips in last year's final  
have new partners. L. A. R. Dun-  
can is on leave so cannot link up  
with his father again, while J.  
Cavanagh, who won the title with  
M. J. Medina is paired with A. E.  
Coates, and a very powerful pair  
they should make.

Amongst the others entrants I  
would pick out the following as  
likely to go far: J. Watson and J.  
Fraser (K.C.C.), S. Bright and J.  
E. Henson (K.B.G.C.), L. C.  
R. Souza and E. F. Luz  
(C.C.C.), J. E. Noronha and  
F. X. M. da Silva (Recreio),  
A. M. and U. M. Omar  
(C.C.C.), J. McKelvie and J. V.  
Ramsay (K.D.R.C.), B. Basto and  
G. M. P. Remedios (Recreio), C.  
Roza Pereira and C. G. Silva  
(Recreio), L. J. Silva and H. A.  
Alves (Recreio) and E. el Arculli  
and D. Bumjahn (C.C.C.).

As regards the Open Binks,  
I would say that those skipped by  
F. X. Silva, U. M. Omar, A. M.  
Holland A. Hyde-Lay, W. Mac-  
farlane, R. F. Luz, G. M. P. Beme-  
dios and R. Bass should do well.

## THIRD DIVISION SOCCER PROSPECTS GOOD



### HOLING OUT IN ONE

#### Unique Feat In Golf Championship

London, April 29.

At Deal in the English Ama-  
teur Golf Championship, first  
round T. A. Bourn, the former  
holder, was surprisingly defeated  
by J. H. Hawkins, a Maidenhead  
chauffeur, at the nineteenth.

Two ex-British Champions had  
hard struggles. Martin Smith  
beat H. B. Benget, a Burton ar-  
tisan 1 up. Roger Wethered beat  
W. R. Kennion of Liphook 1 up.

D. S. Dyer, of Sleaford, held  
his teeshot to the fourth, which  
had only previously been accom-  
plished once in a Championship.



V. R. Gordon, above, is a pro-  
minent member of the H.K.C.C.  
Third Division League Lawn  
Tennis team.

## LEAGUE SOCCER HOME AND AWAY TABLES TO DATE

The following are the First, Second and Third Division League  
Football tables to date, giving home and away results, including the  
games which were not played but in which the points were awarded:

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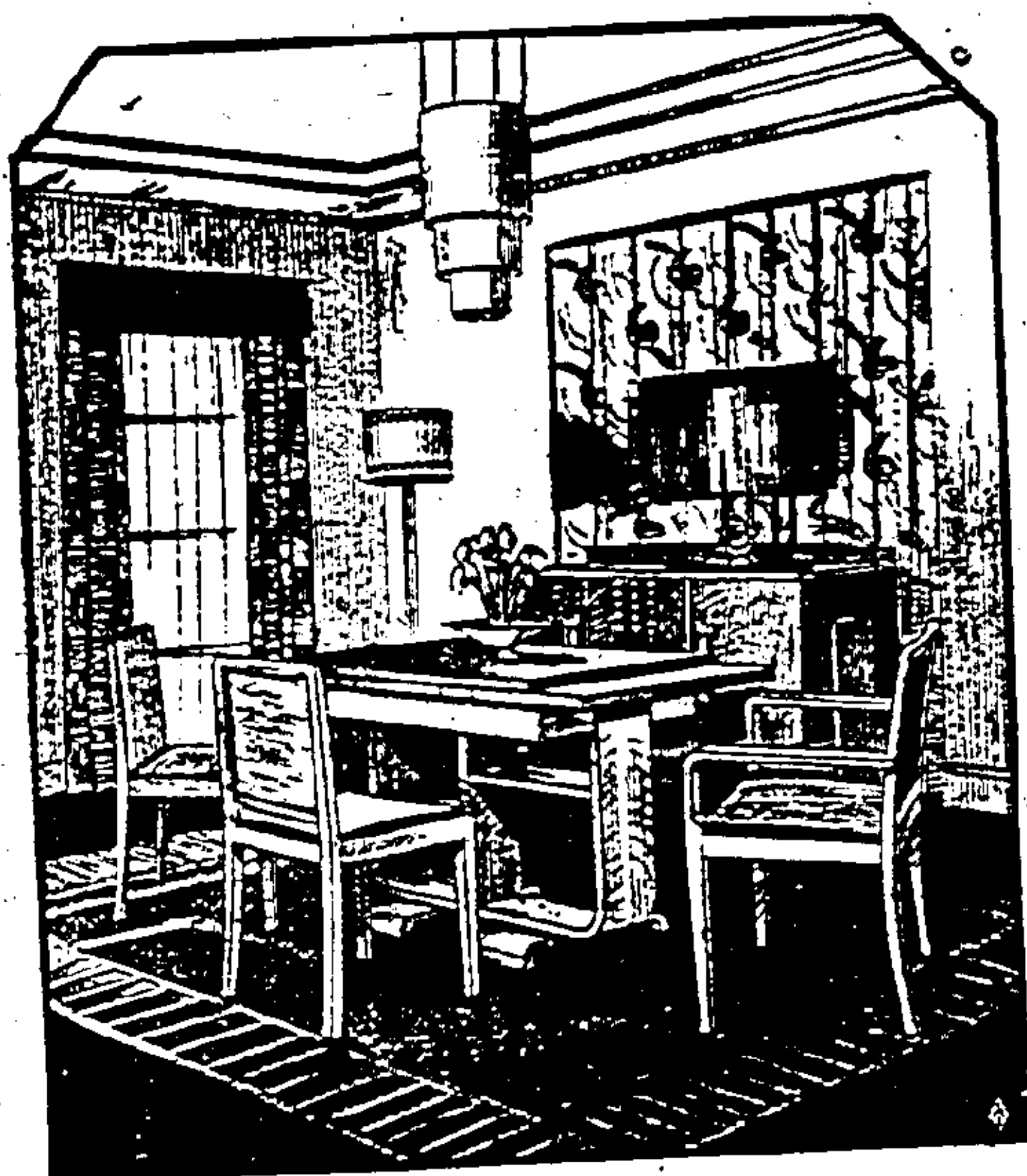
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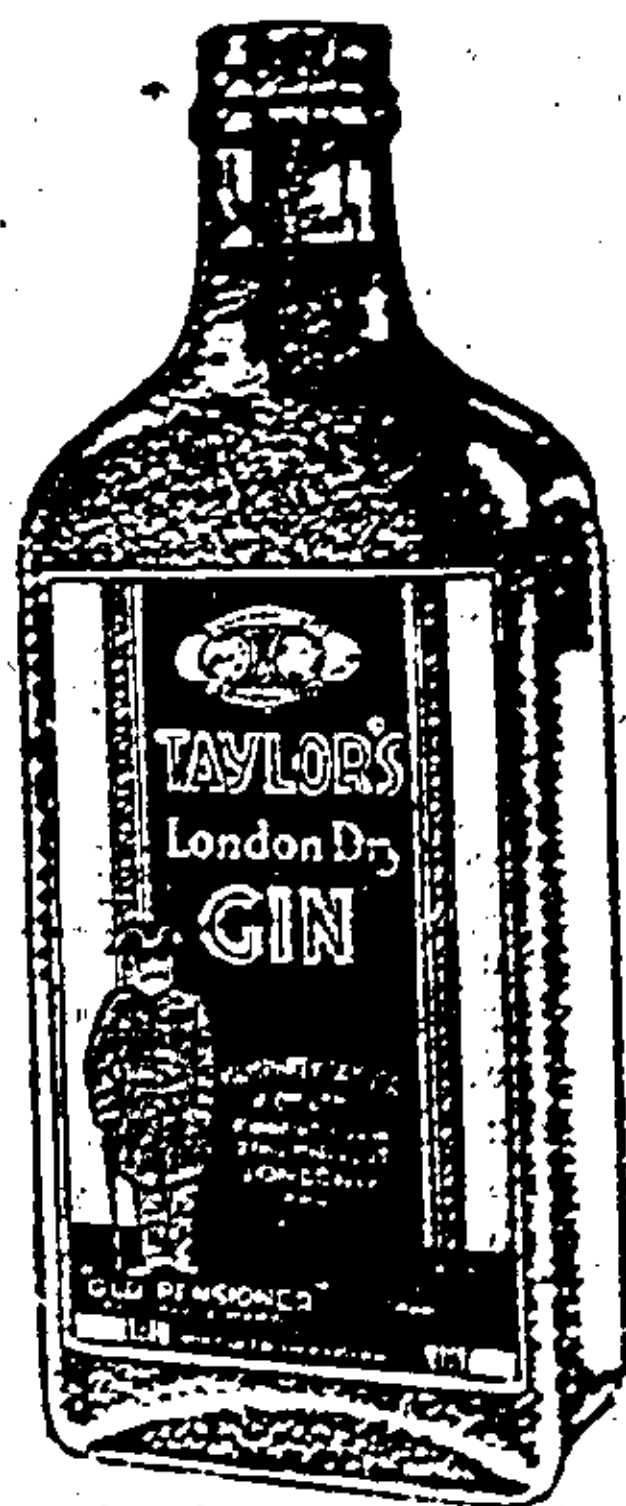
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## The Queen Mary

The eyes of the world will be turned upon that latest combination of strength, grace and beauty, the great liner Queen Mary, when she sets out next week, under the proud command of Sir Edgar Britten, on her maiden voyage to New York and, it is hoped, to recapture the Blue Riband of the Atlantic, which has for some years been in the hands of other nations. For many years the Mauretania reigned undisputed queen of the great liners serving the North Atlantic passenger trade, until Germany wrested pride of place from her with the Europa and Bremen, only to be ousted in her turn by Italy with the Rex, until France, with the Normandie, surpassed them all. Now the Queen Mary comes to challenge the great French ship.

Had it not been for the depression which caused the abandonment of the work upon the Queen Mary for two years, and the protracted negotiations with the Government before the granting of a loan made resumption possible, she would probably have been afloat before her greatest rival; as it has turned out the Normandie has, for a while at any rate, captured the coveted Blue Riband. Next week will tell us whether she or the Queen Mary will be the eventual holder. There is little to choose between the actual size of the two ships; but the Queen Mary possesses the most powerful marine engines ever built, developing 200,000 horse-power. No official declaration has been made as to the speed attained on her trials off the Isle of Arran, but unofficial observers declared that it was comfortably above 32 knots.

The Blue Riband, like the victor's simple crown of laurel at the Olympic Games of ancient Greece, carries with it no immediate monetary reward. But the builders of the ships that compete for the coveted trophy are not spending millions—as they must today—for the sake of mere prestige; it is a matter of sound business as well.

A trip by the "Atlantic Ferry" is not, as a rule, a pleasure trip, and the majority of those who take it do so for business reasons only. There is nothing to be seen from coast to coast, nothing to break the monotony of grey, heaving waters, often lashed to fury by the wild gales that are common to this part of the world, and most passengers wish to get it over as soon as possible. As a natural consequence the ships that can do the journey in the shortest time, with the maximum of comfort for passengers, are the best patronised, and the company running the finest ships will show the best results in earnings. Despite the enormous first cost of these ships they may even prove an absolute economy in the long run. When the sister-ship to the Queen Mary, the keel of which is to be laid down this year, is put into commission, it will be possible to provide a weekly service between Southampton and New York, in both directions, with two ships instead of the three at present necessary.

The B.E.C. have arranged to send out continuous broadcasts from the ship the whole way across the Atlantic. These will be relayed from England to all parts of the Empire, including our own Colony, where Britons will listen as eagerly

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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cologne, To-day.  
The opening of a new section of the national motor highway from Cologne to Düsseldorf by the Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Goebbels, was the occasion for a great rally of motor-vehicles from the surrounding district, including 150 Dutch and 50 Belgian cars, whose owners had come to attend the ceremony in response to the invitation of the German Automobile Club. Among the distinguished visitors were the Dutch Minister of Transport, the President of the Dutch Automobile Club and the President of the Belgian Touring Club.

**BITING SARCASTIC**  
After a short inaugural address, in which Dr. Goebbels said with biting sarcasm that the fate of this gigantic project, had it been left to a Parliament, would be clear, and that this was Herr Hitler's own project, he recalled that many had smiled dubiously when Herr Hitler had dug the first spadeful of earth at Frankfurt. The Minister said that this heap of earth had since been protected by a wire-fence, as otherwise the workers would have taken handfuls as a sacred relic. Travelling as the first to use it down the new road and reviewing a parade of the following vehicles, Dr. Goebbels then proceeded to Düsseldorf, where he gave a luncheon to 2,000 workers employed in the construction of the road—Trans-Ocean Service.

STORM-WRACKED  
SPAINFURTHER ACTS OF  
VIOLENCE

YOUNG FASCISTS SHOT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.  
Further acts of violence continue to be reported for various parts of the country. In Zamora, young Fascists were shot dead while passing through a badly-lit street. Grave disturbances occurred at Santona, where one school-teacher was seriously wounded by shots from a crowd of demonstrators. A shooting affray between hostile political factions in Alcala near Malaga resulted in several persons being wounded. In a suburb of Malaga a store-keeper was fatally injured by an unknown assailant who had waylaid him. The railway workers in Barcelona went on strike after the railway administration rejected their demands for higher wages.—Trans-Ocean Service.

I.R.A. ARRESTS  
IN DUBLINFifty People Held In  
Custody

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Dublin, To-day.  
Two more leaders of the Irish Republican Army, Maurice Troomer and Attorney Libane, were arrested here yesterday morning. Altogether 50 Irish Republicans are now being held in custody, but no charges have been preferred against them. It is, however, understood that they will be tried by a military court.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SHELL TRANSPORT AND  
TRADING CO., LTD.

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China to-day received the following telegram from their London Office:—"Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. declared dividend at the rate of 3s. 6d. per share free of income tax payable 7th July. Bearer coupon to be presented No. 63."

as those in the Homeland to the story of the voyage and, it is hoped, to the story of a new triumph and new laurels for British shipbuilding.

LOCAL NEWS  
BREVITIES

The s.s. Sirdhana, which left Singapore yesterday afternoon, is due to arrive here on the morning of Tuesday next.

The m.s. Van Bentz will leave Hong Kong at 4 p.m. on Thursday next for Singapore, Penang and Belawan Deli.

The m.s. Tjinegara, from Batavia direct, is due here on the morning of Tuesday next and will leave for Amoy and Shanghai at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

The s.s. Alipore, which is due here on or about June 7, is taking cargo for direct discharge at Bushire, Bahrain, Khoramshahr and Basra in addition to usual ports of call.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony this morning by the m.v. Gneisenau from Shanghai was Mr. M. W. Lo, the well-known local solicitor and tennis player, who, accompanied by his family, has just spent a short holiday in Shanghai.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.36 inch. The total since January 1, has been 18.66 inches, against an average of 18.33 inches.

Among the passengers who arrived in Hong Kong this morning were 83 Filipino tourists, who have been on a round-trip to Japan and Peiping. They are in charge of Mr. F. de la Cruz and included in the party are Mr. N. Enrieque, Municipal President of Sariya, Tayabas, P. I., accompanied by his wife, Mr. Manuel Lim, Dean of the College of Law, Alameda de Manila, and Mrs. Lim, and Mr. M. Rodriguez, Governor of Toyabas Province, who is accompanied by his wife. The party has transferred to the Empress of Canada, which leaves for Manila to-day at 6 p.m.

## FLEET MOVEMENTS

H.M. Submarine Regent is due to arrive from the North to-morrow for a refit. H.M.S. Diamond and Daring will sail for Wei-hai-wei this afternoon.

## Your Daily Smile!

REFLECTION  
Maybe it's right that doctors have the world's worst handwriting. But I've never yet seen a doctor's bill that I couldn't make out.

CORRESPONDENCE  
Scramble For Business

[To The Editor "China Mail"]

Sir,—In your report of the proceedings of the Canton Insurance Office Meeting, I notice that the Chairman is reported to have said:—

"We are confronted with acute competition which appears to stop at nothing in the scramble to obtain business; the one idea appears to be to secure Premium Income quite regardless to the adequacy of the rates to the liability undertaken. I do not wish to be more specific but could quote cases illustrating what I have just said, and which go to such extremes as to border on the ludicrous."

It's a pity that Mr. Paterson did not specify the particular cases to which he referred.

I believe that among the more recognised and "respectable" underwriting concerns in the Colony there is an Association to which they all belong, under the rules of which there is a tariff of rates which they agree to abide by.

I also believe that every British Insurance Agency in the Colony belongs to this Association, and abides by the agreed Tariff.

The only inference is that the particular cases to which Mr. Paterson referred to in the preface to his speech at the Canton Insurance Office's Meeting, referred to Branches or Agencies of alien, i.e. non-British Insurance concerns.

I appreciate that Hong Kong is merely a distributing centre insofar as commerce is concerned for South China. For this reason when it came to a question of joining in the Imperial preference scheme which was mooted some time back and which has been adopted by every other British possession, all Hong Kong could do was to put an extra Tax on foreign built motor-cars on their primary annual licence when such cars were used in the Colony.

Every other national imposes a special tax on (to them) foreign underwriting concerns. The United States, Siam and practically every other nation, call for a heavy cash deposit or an extra annual taxation on all underwriters not of their nationality operating in their territory.

Insofar as Underwriting is concerned, there is no question of Hong Kong being merely a distributing centre. Hong Kong is quite well equipped to take care of all the underwriting which may be offering with her own Companies, and if any assistance is required they can get all that is required from the Agencies of

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LABORINHO'S ARRIVAL

A very pleasant ceremony took place yesterday at the Portuguese Consulate, when a crowd of the leading Portuguese residents of the Colony gathered to congratulate Senhor Alvaro Brilhante Laborinho, the Consul, on the anniversary of his assumption of the post.

Senhor Laborinho has only been here for one year, but has already earned for himself, by his courtesy and kindness, a warm place in the hearts of his compatriots, and the speeches of congratulation expressed the appreciation of the Portuguese community for his already great services. His health having been enthusiastically drunk by the assembly, Senhor Laborinho replied in a graceful speech of thanks.

Among those present were: Dr. F. M. de G. Ozorio, president of the Club Lusitano, Mr. Frank Barnes, president of the Club de Recreio, Mr. Jannario A. de Almeida, president of the Liga Portuguesa, Mr. Enes de Aquino, secretary of the Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos, Mr. D. J. P. Lopes, treasurer of the Club Lusitano, Mr. Fernando Pereira, secretary of the journal A Comunidade, Dr. R. A. de C. Baste, Mr. Julio Goncalves, teacher of the Escola Portuguesa, Messrs. R. C. Sales, O. D. Barretto, Augusto Victal, C. A. da Rocha, Henrique de Barros, Frederico Barros and Mrs. M. A. de V. Soares.

Summoned at the instance of Inspector Andrews, Finn Rodseth, driver of car No. 4215, was fined \$75 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving his car without due care and caution on Repulse Bay Road on May 10 at 4.45 p.m.

Other British concerns in Hong Kong.

If we are specially taxed by the Governments of other countries for the business which we do in their territories, is there any reason why Hong Kong should not tax the foreign companies encroaching on our territories for business?

SHAREHOLDER, HONG KONG COMPANIES.

## "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

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By BENJAMIN LAPOSKY, Cherokee, Iowa.

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Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, as they appear in "Let's Face the Music and Dance," one of the dance numbers in RKO's latest musical "Follow the Fleet," which opens its run to-day at the Alhambra Theatre.



Peter Lorre, Marian Marsh and Edward Arnold are in the Columbia Production "Crime and Punishment," which will be shown soon at the King's and Alhambra Theatres.

## SHORTS SHOTS

JOAN CRAWFORD writes me that she is delighted with her part in her first costume play, "Georgious Hussy," and with a strong cast and strong story she hopes her "fans" will like her in the departure from her usual characterisation.

The cast surrounding the "Miracle Child" Shirley Temple in her next release, "Poor Little Rich Girl," at which she is now hard at work, consists of such well-known people as Jack Haley, Alice Faye, Dixie Dunbar, Gloria Stuart, Michael Whalen and Henry Armetta.

The engagement between handsome Robert Taylor and pretty Irene Harvey is definitely off, but as soon as another good-looking, Allan Jones (of "Night at the Opera" and "Rose Marie" fame), has obtained his divorce there will be the usual wedding bells for him and Irene.

The "tea-merging-into-cocktails" affairs at the lovely residence of Mr. and Mrs. Franchot Tone are the present rage of social life in the film colony.

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SHOWING  
TO-DAY

ALHAMBRA

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-EARLY



Clear the decks  
for ACTION!  
IRVING BERLIN  
wrote the nautical tunes  
for this nautical gem of  
the ocean!

See Fred and Ginger  
dance the new ball  
room sensation, "Let  
Yourself Go!"

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HARRIET HILLIARD  
ASTRID ALLWYN  
RKO RADIO PICTURE

## ROGERS-ASTAIRE TEAM AGAIN WIN TOP HONOURS

CLARK GABLE, JEAN HARLOW AND  
MYRNA LOY IN LIVELY COMEDY  
JAMES CAGNEY AND MARGARET LINDSAY IN  
THRILLING DRAMA, "FRISCO KID"

By Diane

THE latest effort, "Follow the Fleet," of the greatest dance team on the screen, Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, leaves me nothing to say but words expressive of the highest praise. I think the general opinion will be that it is well up to the high standard set by "Roberta" and "Top Hat," and one is still left amazed at the intricacies of the superb dance routines, and the masterly music of that genius composer, Irving Berlin. Fred, I hear, has turned composer too and his contribution, "I'm Building up an Awful Let-down" ranks with the other hits.

I hardly know which tune to call favourite. "I'm Putting All my Eggs in One Basket," "We Saw the Sea," the throbbing "Get Three Behind me, Satan," (Harriet Hilliard) "Let's Face the Music and Dance," "Here am I," "Let Yourself Go," and many more will be riots the world over. Once more R.K.O. (with clever Mark Sandrich at the helm) have shown film-goers that the Rogers-Astaire team of dancers is still supreme. They are gay, charming, exuding happiness, and above all, presenting their numbers with such good taste.

Ginger Rogers is one of the few female stars who is as popular with women as well as with men. This lovely, red-headed girl with the exquisite grace and figure, a smile that is devastating, a sense of humour and brilliant facial expressions, is a perfect foil for her partner, never a camera-hug, but capturing every heart with her great ability, pep, polish and charm that have put her in the very front rank. Then, too, she is shining now as a ballroom dancer, and I have seen nothing finer since the heyday of Irene and Vernon Castle.

Apart from perfect dance numbers contributed by Fred Astaire, this picture proves an undisputed fact — that he is one of the foremost light comedians on the screen. One is lost in admiration of his smooth performance, his vitality, humour and gift of smart gagging. No claim to good looks, but a slim boyish figure in perfect condition, expressive hands and a wit as nimble as his feet. Fred Astaire does not depend upon his highly-insured feet for fame. In this picture there is no Eric Blore, no Edward Everett Horton, but most of the laughs are dependent upon Fred; and I emphatically state that in no matter what branch of screen art he attempts he would still be "tops."

The story does not matter a jot. Fred is a sailor, having joined the Navy to forget his vaudeville partner Ginger Rogers. On shore leave with his "buddy" (Randolph Scott) he meets her again, earning a meagre living as a dancer in a cheap dance-hall. With their quarrels and romance, there is running another, that of Ginger's

sister (played by Harriet Hilliard) with the "Don Juan" "Bilge" (Randolph Scott). It is a pity the scenario-writer descends to the worn-out gag of turning the wall-flower into a beauty simply by discarding glasses and tweeds. (This is only a little murmur). Anyhow Miss Hilliard has been given much footage by the unselfish stars, and with a pretty, face, slim figure, and the usual low-voiced attractive style we associate with and like in the American cabaret singer, more than contributes to the success of the picture. Miss Hilliard is the wife of a noted band leader, Ozzie Nelson, where she has been his soloist. Now she is to make three films this year for R.K.O. so has found a new fame.

Randolph Scott is likeable as he was in "Roberta," and there are crowds of others, including Astrid Allwyn, Betty Grable, Lucille Ball, Ray Mayer, Harry Berford, and Maxine Jennings. One always has a special word of praise for the happy band of trouper who do so much in the dance routines to add to the success.

It is difficult to name the high lights in the film, but the mock rehearsal is one where Ginger shines, the solo tap-dance in sailor costume, the white-tie-and-



For gangland's threats, Rochelle Hudson has nothing but defiance, in "Show Them No Mercy," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.

tails snail, the throbbing "Get Three Behind me, Satan" and the "hot" number by Ginger and the beauty-chorus are others. The picture contains a lot of brilliant and individual work and emphatically one is bound to say that R.K.O. have made yet another of the now screen-tradition Rogers-Astaire pictures. (Showing from to-day at the Alhambra only).

"Crime and Punishment" Excellent performances by Peter Lorre and Edward Arnold and the dramatic appeal of the story (from a novel by Dostoevsky) are the chief attractions in this strong drama, which will be reviewed with more detail next Friday. Marian Marsh and Tala Birelli surprise, too, by their fine acting, and von Sternberg adds strength to the sordid drama. This film will be shown at both the Alhambra and the King's from May 28. Definitely worth-while.

WITH names like Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and Jean Harlow to lure you to the box-office it seems of little purpose to impart the information that the plot of "Wife vs. Secretary" is contained entirely in its title, and that it offers no deviation from the age-old formula which Faith Baldwin and her readers have come to know and love. But — put these three tremendously attractive people together in one picture and what have you? An evening well spent, even if you know exactly what to expect.

I need not tell you that my adored Miss Loy enacts the role of the wife, with the part of the secretary naturally falling to the now-brunette, ravishing Jean Harlow. Believe it or not, the interest displayed by Mr. Gable in his attractive secretary is purely professional; but still people will talk, and so wife's suspicions are aroused to such an extent that she leaves her handsome husband till — well, no one would be so unwise as to miss the joy of seeing this famous trio of stars, so I say no more. One thing though will be agreed upon by the male members of the audience, and that is that Gable faces a big problem in choosing his favourite. Myrna is her delightful self, and Jean is far too attractive to have around one as a secretary. At least we will agree on this.

Star performances are supplied by all three, and Gable is effective and affectionate enough for his most romantic admirer. Expert direction by Clarence Brown, pretentious production by the best artists at the M.G.M. May Robson, Hobart Cavanaugh, James Stewart, Marjorie Gateson, Billy Newell, Gilbert Emery and others surround the three real attractions, all of which ensures a thoroughly enjoyable evening. (King's).

### "Frisco Kid"

A big picture for James Cagney, employing hundreds of extras and surrounding him with a well-balanced cast. Again we have the San Francisco of 1854, and our hero, a sailor, working himself up to become "Boss" of the underworld. If you like plenty of adventure in your plots, rough and ready characters, with a smattering of heart interest, here is your picture.

You will hardly find any locale more conducive to thrills than the old wharves, dives and boats on the Barbary Coast. You can expect anything to happen, and it certainly does so, when hero sets foot in his first saloon. From then on till the appearance of the Vigilantes we have a series of thrilling adventures. Cagney is excellent in the star role, but Donald Woods, Margaret Lindsay (a most appealing and lovely heroine), Ricardo Cortez, Lily Damita, Barton MacLane, Fred Kohler, George Stone, Addison Richards, Joseph King and hundreds more, all under the expert directorship of Lloyd Bacon, ensure an evening of thrilling excitement. The colourful atmosphere of the early 'fifties permits full scope for splendid portrayals by all the leading characters. (Queen's).

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Warren Hymel, Bruce Cabot and Cesar Romero are seen here in a scene from "Show Them No Mercy," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S

LUCKY CLARK, ALWAYS  
IN THE MIDDLE!



A CLARENCE  
BROWN  
Production

WIFE VS. SECRETARY

MAY ROBSON • GEORGE BARBER  
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Directed by CLARENCE BROWN

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JAMES CAGNEY  
FRISCO KID

MARGARET LINDSAY • RICARDO CORTES • LILY DAMITA

QUEEN'S — TO-DAY



An artist's "penpoint view" of Clark Gable as the husband, Jean Harlow as the secretary, and Myrna Loy as the wife in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's photoplay version of the Faith Baldwin best-seller, "Wife Versus Secretary," opening on Sunday at the King's Theatre.



Jean Harlow and Clark Gable in "Wife Versus Secretary," coming on Sunday to the King's Theatre.







# UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

### "EMINENTLY SATISFACTORY" POSITION DISCLOSED

In his speech to the shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at the annual general meeting of the company, held in Union Building this morning, Mr. M. T. Johnson, the Chairman, mentioned that, when considering dividend recommendations during the past two years, the Directors of the company realised that in maintaining the past dividend they had to take quite a large sum from the year's trading profits. However, they had in mind the extremely sound financial position of the Society, and it was their opinion that this strength justified a period of profit appropriation in the shareholders' interests. It was with regret that they had now arrived at the decision that the steps taken in this direction had gone as far as prudence and the principles of sound finance would permit, and that future trading profits must be allowed to accumulate for the added protection of policy-holders and the production of interest for the benefit of shareholders.

In reviewing the Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as a whole the Chairman thought the shareholders would agree with him that, despite the difficulties encountered during 1935, the position disclosed was eminently satisfactory.

Mr. M. T. Johnson was in the Chair and was supported by Mr. C. Blaker, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. T. A. Mitchell and Mr. K. S. Morrison (Directors), Mr. A. W. Hughes (General Manager) and the following Shareholders:—Messrs. J. Bentley, J. W. Alabaster, H. J. Armstrong, C. C. Black, W. H. Choy, B. M. G. da Cunha, J. D. Dancy, R. A. Dastur, L. G. S. Dodwell, John Fleming, Leigh Garner, J. H. A. Hance, H. S. Lee, W. R. Mansfield, S. Mason, L. P. Ralph, V. R. V. Ribeiro, C. A. da Roza, F. Schreiber, M. A. R. Souza, F. W. Stapleton, Allan Stevenson, Sum Pak Ming, H. Summers, George G. N. Timson, J. F. Wright, Jr., and F. H. Farnes.

#### Chairman's Speech

Mr. M. T. Johnson, in making his annual report, said:—

"Before proceeding to the business of this meeting I wish to refer to the loss we suffered recently through the death of a very valued friend and one-time member of the Society's staff, Mr. H. C. Saunders. From its inception the Society has been fortunate in having many members of its staff of outstanding ability who, even at the expense of their own health, have not spared their efforts on the Society's behalf. None of these perhaps have done more valuable work than Mr. Saunders. He joined our service when the London office was established in old Broad Street in 1874, and in 1900 was appointed the Society's Underwriter. He retired in 1919, but during the intervening years he established himself as one of the leading and most successful Underwriters in London. On retirement Mr. Saunders accepted a seat on the Society's London Committee, and we were fortunate in having the benefit of his knowledge and advice there up to the time of his death. At his passing the Society lost a valuable associate and adviser.

"Staff changes during the year have been rather numerous. Mr. E. Trevor Gould, General Manager for Australasia, has suffered from ill-health for some while, and he found it necessary to retire at the end of the year. He was succeeded by Mr. R. C. Langker, who has for the past six years acted as Assistant General Manager for Australasia. In Mr. Langker we have a keen and capable officer who, I am confident, will be equal to all calls that may be made upon him in the important post to which he has been appointed.

#### New Zealand Offices

"Mr. A. S. Clarke, Manager for New Zealand, and Mr. W. R. Herschell, Manager in Melbourne, have also retired. It has been found possible to conduct our New Zealand business satisfactorily without a Control Officer; consequently the position of Manager for New Zealand will not be continued.

"Mr. Herschell has been succeeded by Mr. G. B. Cairnes, who, your Board confidently anticipates, will maintain the Society's position in the Melbourne market that has been so ably built up by Mr. Herschell.

"As you are aware, the difficult trend of world economic conditions continued during 1935. Within certain countries quite definite improvement was manifest, but this was prevented from

"Results of our operations during the past year are shown in the Revenue Accounts that are before you.

"The Marine Accounts include final settlements made on the 1934 Account in connection with the Kobe-Osaka Typhoon that occurred during September of that year. Our losses through this disaster approximated £30,000, and the effect is shown in the reduced profit of the 1934 Marine Account when compared with the previous year. Similarly the s.s. Mohawk wrecked last year and other claims of lesser importance were charged against the 1934 Account. First year settlements for 1935 were approximately in the same amount as during 1934, but up to the present there are no heavy outstanding claims as was the case of the 1934 Account at this time last year.

#### Fire's Heavy Toll

"Fire still continues to take a heavy toll of shipping. The most spectacular loss due to this cause in 1935 was the Ausonia, but the Bio-Bio was also burnt, as were several other valuable ships, including three tankers. In addition there were numerous serious fires on shore, all of which produced claims under marine policies. In the aggregate however, the Society's 1935 marine losses were within the amount normally incurred. Our premium income was slightly higher in 1935 when compared with the previous year. The extreme to which competition is carried to-day makes the maintenance of previous income levels exceedingly difficult. Competition has been mentioned from this Chair on many occasions and I will not enlarge upon the subject as by so doing I will be merely repeating with emphasis what my predecessors in office have said so often. I will say, however, that our Underwriting policy is to meet competition wherever it may arise up to the point of reason, but when, as occurs in numerous cases, experience indicates that this point has been passed, we decline to go further.

"War risk rates during 1935 provided a small addition to our premium income, but the policy of those responsible for fixing the rates was to keep them as low as circumstances warranted, and with this policy we have willingly associated ourselves.

"In regard to our Fire business, I am pleased to say that the result for 1935 was good. Although there was a slight decrease in premium income, this was more than offset by a substantial reduction in the claims paid. It is a fact also that while the Society's funds are invested in securities of the highest available quality. This is the dominating influence in our investment policy, and despite the relatively low returns we are receiving to-day, I feel sure you would not endorse any change in this policy.

"When considering dividend recommendations during the past two years, your Directors have realised that in maintaining the past dividend they have had to take quite a large sum from the year's trading profits. However, they had in mind the extremely sound financial position of the Society, and it was their opinion that this strength justified a period of profit appropriation in the shareholders' interests. It is with regret that they have now arrived at the decision that the steps taken in this direction have gone as far as prudence and the principles of sound finance would permit, and that future trading profits must be allowed to accumulate for the added protection of policy holders and the production of interest for the benefit of shareholders.

"As partial compensation for the loss that you will sustain by this year's reduction, your Directors propose to introduce the practice of paying dividends half yearly. This will involve some loss in interest earning to the Society, but the curtailment of the dividend permits this course without the loss being serious. During November therefore, you can anticipate an interim distribution.

"Share Liability

"There is another financial matter that is receiving the consideration of your Directors, and that is the advisability of reducing the present uncalled share liability. The goal we aim at is to make the Society's shares fully paid. The amount necessary to achieve this end is considerable and therefore the change must be made gradually. I hope it will be possible to make an announcement in this connection at our next Meeting.

"Fire Account Loss Ratio

"In the Fire Account, our loss

ratio during the year was 45.57 per cent, which compares favourably with 47.29 per cent in the preceding year. The amount carried to Profit and Loss Account, after providing for all known and outstanding losses and setting up the necessary reserves, was £41,150 or 7.33 per cent as compared with £38,873 or 6.75 per cent in 1934.

"The Accident Account shows an income for the year of £263,123 as against £251,323 in 1934. As stated above the Motor Car section of this business proved unprofitable, the percentage of claims paid and outstanding for the whole Account being 59.90 per cent as compared with 47.72 per cent the previous year. The amount carried to the debit of Profit and Loss Account was £11,071.0.5.

"In all Account expenses were slightly higher in 1935 than in 1934, but exchange affects this item each year, and on this occasion the effect was to increase certain charges.

"In the Profit and Loss Account, interest and dividend earnings were less than in 1934 by £1,648. Having in mind the total amount involved, this small difference is not of material moment, and as the provision for dividend payable to-day is considerably less than on the previous year, the position of the Profit and Loss Account is very satisfactory.

#### Reserve Fund

"In the consolidated Balance Sheet, you will notice a change in the name of the Reserve Fund previously shown as the "Silver Reserve. It is now shown as a "Currency Reserve. This was necessary as silver currencies are no longer in force within the area for which this reserve was set up. The incidence of exchange has resulted in this reserve when expressed in Sterling being reduced by £71,000 this year. In 1934 Exchange on the December 31, was 1/8d., and on December 31, 1935 was 1/3d.

"The Exchange and Investment fluctuation Account also shows a reduction due chiefly to the Exchange factor.

"In reviewing the Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as a whole, I think you will agree with me that despite the difficulties encountered during 1935, the position disclosed is eminently satisfactory.

"With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as presented."

#### Secunder's Speech

Mr. G. G. N. Timson, in seconding the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet, said:—

"I have much pleasure in rising to second the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as presented.

"The reduction of 10/- in the dividend recommended this year has no doubt been a great disappointment to shareholders. The possibility, I might almost say probability, of a reduction was, however, clearly indicated to shareholders by the Chairman at the Society's centenary meeting last year, and although perhaps at first sight shareholders were disappointed that you, Sir, and your fellow Directors had found it advisable to reduce the dividend by as much as 10/- per share, yet I am sure that all shareholders will appreciate that a conservative policy in regulating dividends recommended according to the amount received from the investments of the Society, and in not using any substantial proportion of the Society's trading profits, is a thoroughly sound policy and is in the best interests of not only the Society but all policy holders, more especially as apparently there are no signs of the present cut-throat competition decreasing.

"The present dividend is approximately the amount of interest and dividends received from the Society's investments and as the present rate of interest on first class investments, such as those in which the Society's funds are invested, is at the present time extremely low, one has every confidence that no further reduction need be anticipated and that with a rise in yield rates a slight increase may be anticipated in the future.

"The Society is, however, to be congratulated on the fact that all its investments are of the highest class possible and I am sure that this policy will be continued by our Directors.

#### Congratulations

"One must not, so I am told, mention the word 'depression,' but I think the Society is to be heartily congratulated on the results obtained from its marine and fire accounts despite the heavy calls on the former to which you, Sir, have drawn attention in your speech, and the fact that the total underwriting income for 1935 exceeded that for 1934 by the sum of £8,713, is a matter of congratulation for all concerned and shows the care which is given to shareholders' interests by your Board and Management."

"It is to be regretted that the Accident and General Account has resulted in a loss, but with Motor Car accidents at their present day level one can quite realise the extreme difficulty which is found in obtaining satisfactory results from this class of insurance business. I am perfectly satisfied, however, that your Board and the General Manager will leave no stone unturned to bring the Accident Account into as satisfactory a position as that of the Society's Marine and Fire Accounts.

"Your suggestion, Sir, that the Board are contemplating the payment of an interim dividend in the future will, I am sure, be welcomed by all shareholders. I am sure that so long as the interim dividend is paid on a conservative basis it is of the greatest advantage and help to shareholders that this should be done, and adds to the standing and popularity, without increasing any risk to shareholders or policy holders, of the Society's shares.

#### Unanimous Approval

"With regard to the proposal to do away gradually with the present uncalled share liability, this must, I think, meet with approval. The fact that shares have a large uncalled liability always detracts to a certain extent from their popularity as an investment, and I congratulate the Board on their decision in this respect, though I hope the change will be a gradual one so not to embarrass those shareholders who may be living on their investments."

"Before formally seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I should like to express to the Directors, Mr. Hughes our General Manager, and to all the staff of this Society, our very hearty thanks for the very able manner in which they have attended to our interests throughout the year which must have been as difficult a year as any year in the Society's history, and I can only express the hope that the international situation will improve during the current year and that the various difficulties with which you all have been faced for the last few years will decrease in the future."

The adoption of the Report and Accounts were then unanimously carried.

#### Mr. Da Roza Speaks

Before the motion was put to the meeting, Mr. C. A. da Roza said:—

"I am exercising the privilege of addressing you given to use once annually, but I like to say at the outset that I have no questions to ask on the statements circulated, which, from their clarity, should satisfy the most exigent shareholder seeking information on his investment or the critical policy holder in gauging the credit responsibility of the institution with which he deals.

"My remarks touch on a question of policy on which, after an examination of the accounts, I disagree with you. I do not expect you, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Board, to change your considered views, but the wealth of the Company gives ample room for a *bona fide* difference of opinion.

"I refer to the dividend which the report has disclosed has been reduced to the extent of 25 per cent, on which I address you in an unhappy state of mind, not only on my own behalf, but in the interests of that body composed of numerous ex-residents of the East now living in retirement, whose important source of income is their dividend from the Union."

"I will not raise a contention point, nor disturb the harmony which has always characterised the annual meetings of the Society by proposing an amendment, but will content myself by asking for a declaration of policy that, if the accounts for the present year

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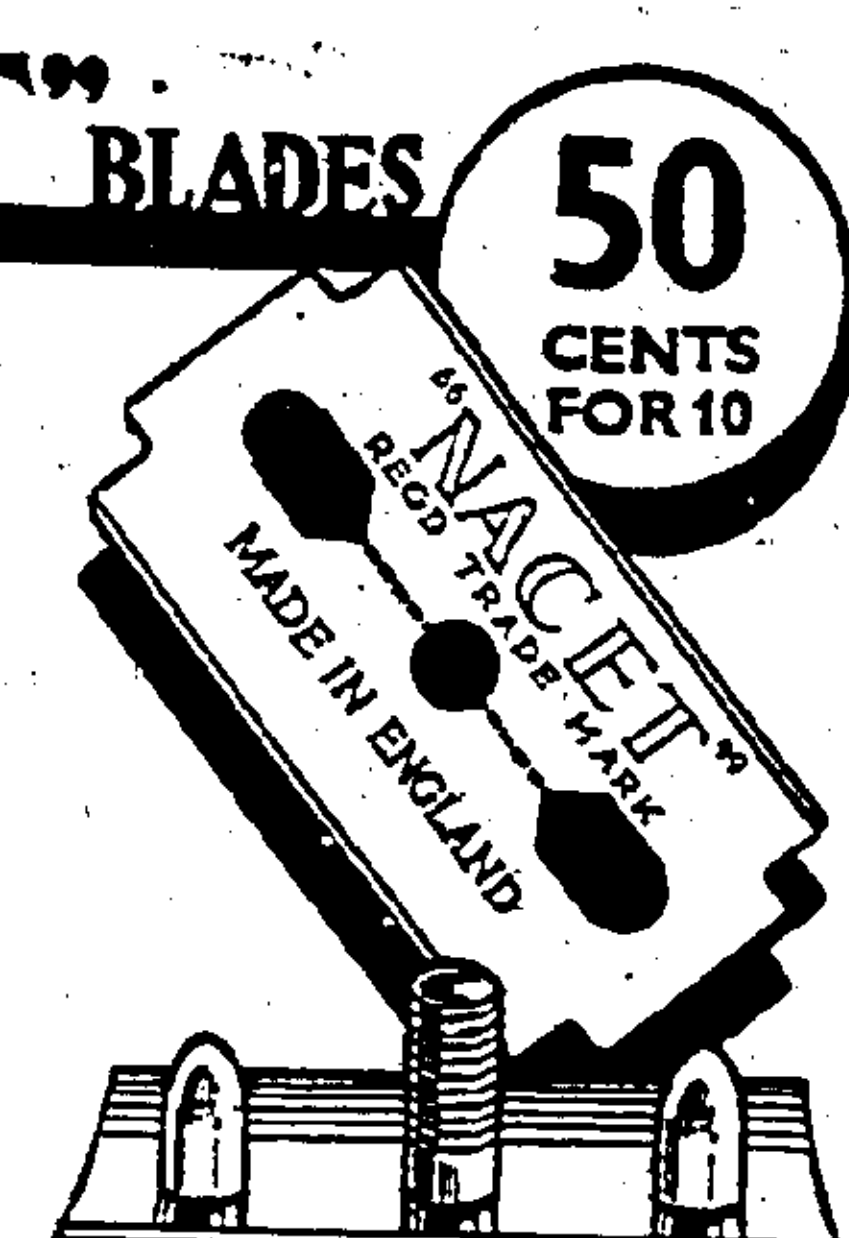
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"Stronger Than Rock

"I confess to a feeling of dismay some weeks ago on reading the announcement of a dividend of only 30 shillings and the intervening period prior to the receipt of the accounts rather schooled me to anticipate a Balance Sheet much below the enviable standard attained by the Union.

"My anticipations were incorrect for the Balance Sheet now before you reveals a position stronger than the Rock of Gibraltar — it is less vulnerable, at any rate from the air. "It is with diffidence, gentlemen, that I question your recommendation to pay 30 shillings only, but the strength of the Society has encouraged me to disagree with your views that a cut of 10 shillings per share is necessary or warranted by the working results, or by the position of the Society as revealed by the Balance Sheet. With specific "Funds" for each class of business undertaken by the Society running into colossal figures, augmented by additional Reserves absorbing further colossal amounts, the magnitude of which was determined possibly more by a desire to conserve funds than required by the necessities of each department, and a premium income as good as that of the previous period, in a year which was admittedly bad for trade, I think the Directors might have been content to "carry forward" a relatively smaller sum than that revealed by the accounts of £636,824, which in effect represents an available Fund for Dividends for over 3 years at the present rate of distribution. I realise that a dip into the "carry forward" to maintain the old rate of 40 shillings would have cost an extra £67,500; 35 shillings would replace the "carry forward" by £33,750. These are admittedly big figures, but gentlemen, in the atmosphere of millions, perhaps I will be pardoned by describing the extra cost as a mere bagatelle.

"Ultra Caution

"As in the case of other institutions, a variety of causes have contributed to a shrinkage in the income earned on the Society's funds, but I think, gentlemen, you would not have been accused of prodigality had you continued the slight deviation from your traditional policy of finding the Society's dividend entirely out of income from investments, at least to the extent of 5 shillings per share. I compliment you on your ultra caution, and with all respect to the gentleman who was your Chairman at the Centenary Meeting of the Society, I would

suggest that the cloth is of sufficient dimensions to permit of a better fitting coat than what we are asked to accept. At the Chamber of Commerce meeting, we were told there was no depression; at any rate it was not conducive to a happy mind to mention that state of affairs; I did not quite agree with the speaker on that occasion, nor, unhappily, with you now, gentlemen, in measuring it at 10 shillings per share.

"And, finally, gentlemen, we have a Fund of £69,500 for the equalisation of dividends which might have been put to the use it was created for.

"So much, gentlemen, for this discordant note in this meeting, but I would not like to leave my contribution to these proceedings without expressing my appreciation of the efficient management of the "Union" by the Directors, General Manager and Staff in a year full of difficulty. I feel certain reference to the efficient management of the Union all over the World could not be made more convincingly than by quoting the figure of Premia income of £1,610,000 in a year in which business had to be searched for, and acceptance forced at competitive rates. The increase in the volume of business which must have been obtained to bring about a Premia income larger than that of the year before is an eloquent testimony of the prodigious energy of the Staff.

"Whatever the views of shareholders might be as to my suggestion for a higher dividend, I feel sure I will not be disowned by them in extending to the management of the Society our appreciation of their successful work, and in this respect I support very fully the able remarks made by Mr. Timson in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts."

#### Chairman's Reply

In replying to Mr. da Roza, the Chairman said:—

"I thank you for your remarks. Your criticism is not unwelcome to your Directors for you have expressed what are probably the feelings of a number of Shareholders.

"I think you, will admit, however, that you are viewing but one side of the picture. You spoke of "colossal" funds, but I would remind you that we are in a business, the main feature of which is the acceptance of "colossal" liability. Furthermore, you must realise that we are in competition in almost every corner of the globe with the largest financial institutions in existence. To be successful we must have financial strength. Not only must there be the financial strength, but it must be managed according to accepted standards. Your Directors are of the opinion that this requirement would not be fulfilled were they to recommend a depletion of reserves for the maintenance of a 50 per cent. dividend — even the lesser Dividend you ask for would necessitate encroaching upon Reserves.

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To-day's Complete Short Story

## THE STAKE

By Agnes Sligh Turnbull

It began snowing again at Johnstown. The great east-bound train seemed to shake itself, draw a long panting breath, and then start blindly up the long grade towards Altoona in the teeth of the storm. Dan McKnight, from the window of the Pullman, watched the driving blizzard as it beat upon the earth. If this snow had been the gentle piling up of flake upon flake, if it had fallen upon the countryside like the brushing of white angel wings—as he had seen other "snows" come—then he might have seen in it an omen of hope. As it was, the biting sword of the blizzard represented the last stroke of Fate against him. He had played the game and lost. And when a player lost, the decent thing was to drop out, wasn't it?

His last talk with Linda came back to him with sweeping tragedy. It had been only the evening before, but already the finality of it seemed to have removed it to a point years away. They had had dinner, Linda trying to make a decent pretence at conversation. He himself had been silent. They had gone into the tiny living-room of the cheap flat Linda had found as a sort of last stand in their financial descent toward the maelstrom. It was then he had cleared his throat and spoken. Linda, of course, could not know how the words choked him. Not that it would have mattered.

"Look here, Linda, things can't go on for ever like this, you know. I think it's time we faced the truth."

Linda had looked up, startled. "What do you mean, Dan?" she asked.

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "A Prophet Unhonoured," by Gilbert Anstruther.

"I mean that I've come to the end of my string. There simply isn't a job in Chicago in my line. I'm finished as far as my work goes, that's all!"

"Are you sure that's all?" There was a curious note in her voice he had never heard before.

"No, there's something else. You know as well as I do. Things aren't the same between us. We've grown apart. It's perfectly plain."

He waited, his heart missing a beat, his throat thick. If she denied it...

But Linda's face grew white. It was bent low, as she leaned forward, her hands twisted together at her knee.

"I know," she said quietly. He pulled himself together. There had been no mistake then. Linda had admitted the truth. He fumbled in his mind for the next words to say.

"And so I think it would be wiser to go our own ways. I can give you a little money now. I have a little left. Later I may not even have that."

Linda lifted her hand. He thought he understood the gesture. She wouldn't need his money. She would, of course, marry Bruce Hartley as soon as she was free. Bruce had scarcely felt the depression. He still had his big house. He still loved Linda. He had never taken any pains to conceal that. In the old days it had not mattered. Dan had been successful too, then, joyously sure of himself, and of Linda. He could afford to laugh at old lovers.

But these last two years when everything had gone against him, sometimes Hartley's attitude had flicked him on the raw. Even before the day he had happened to see Linda lunching with him, her lovely eyes raised to his, with tears in them.

"I prefer that you should take this money whether you want to or not. It is the least I can do."

Linda raised her head. He was stricken anew with her beauty.

"Dan," she said slowly, "do you really mean you want to go your own way—without me?"

A desperate pride rose to aid him. He must not weaken now. He had lost. But he must be sporting to the end. He must not let her guess the truth. So his lips smiled.

"I suppose that's about the amount of it, Linda. I'm sure you'll be happier, too. It's no way to live as we're doing now."

Linda's head had been high then. A flame of colour had come into her cheeks. She had agreed to everything calmly, accepted all his arrangements, even held out her hand to say good-bye. That was the only time he had weakened. He had brushed her hand aside, kissed her and then hurried away while he had strength in his limbs to carry him. He had taken the east-bound express for no reason except that New York was a long way from Chicago, and he had to go somewhere.

A stout, fair man paused now beside his seat, a travelling salesman evidently.

"Some storm," he remarked. "Say, what about a little game of cards? There's a good crowd playing!"

"No thanks," Dan said shortly, and turned again to the window. The temperature was dropping rapidly. There was little real snow now, only the driving sleet. The mountains stood gaunt before the onslaught. The trees near the track bowed themselves before the sale. The train strained on up grade.

Inside the coach the steam pipes rattled and shook in new throes of producing heat. Two men in the section just across the aisle had their heads bent together over a story. They reached the climax, then leaned back laughing boisterously. One of them looked toward Dan and moved nearer. He had made several overtures already.

"Say, buddy, have you heard this one?"

Something in Dan turned sick. He got up suddenly.

"Think I'll have a smoke," he said. "Hear it later."

He smoked steadily while the train laboured on toward Harrisburg. When he returned to his seat at last, he had come to a decision, to the accompaniment of the sleet and the occasional eerie wail of the locomotive.

After all, why not? When every motive for living was removed from a man, why should he go on doing it? He had no one in the world close enough to care for him except Linda, and she had ceased to care. He had plumbed the depths of humiliation and defeat during the last two years as far as his work was concerned. Everything ahead of him was a blank anyway, so...

There was one other thing. All his love for Linda and all his fiercest masculine pride revolted at the thought that she would now be going all but empty-handed from him to another man. After being his wife for five years, he was leaving her practically a pauper. Of all the hurts in his heart, this was for the moment the bitterest. But there was a way, one and only one, by which money could be put in her hands. It would all have to be managed with the extreme caution, knowing Linda as he did. But he would think it out. There were ways and ways.

The porter, leisurely brushing the carpet, paused at Dan's seat. The men across the aisle had gone apparently to share their humour with more congenial companions. The car seemed deserted except for an old lady up in the front, asleep.

"Card table, huh? Helps to pass the time."

Dan smiled up at the wizened old man.

"No, thanks."

"Just doin' a little thinkin'."

"That's it," Dan agreed. "Just a little thinkin'."

They were going through the rich farmlands now the other side of Harrisburg. The level fields were banked with strange windrows of snow; the farm houses were buried in it.

Dan remembered the last time he had travelled east. It was more than three years ago. Linda had been with him and these same farm fields had been green with spring. He could see her, leaning towards the window, her face vivid with delight.

It had not only been the day he had seen her having lunch with Hartley, her eyes wet as she looked up into his face. There had been more evidence. There had been telephone calls when Linda, thinking he did not see, closed the door into the library. That was before they had to give



Edward G. Robinson and Miriam Hopkins are in the Samuel Goldwyn production, "Barbary Coast," which will be shown at the Star Theatre on Sunday.

## "B" DIVISION LEAGUE TENNIS PROSPECTS

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The Kowloon Cricket Club have definitely selected their team and are relying on the following to keep their colours flying: S. A. Gray and A. Crawford, A. W. Ramsey and G. C. Burnett, N. A. E. Mackay and L. Jack.

The first named pair are expected to obtain very good results. Gray has raised his standard somewhat since last season, and must have learned many object lessons from what he saw at Wimbledon last year. His partner is a young and promising player who should be able to give him valuable support.

## Little Improvement

The second pair have not yet achieved anything extraordinary at tennis, but they will probably be prominently featured. Mackay and Jack do not appear to have much luck, and although both possess a sound knowledge of the game and the right temperament, they have shown little improvement.

Club de Recreio possess a fairly strong team, and, while not expected to win the Shield, they will very probably finish near the top of the table. Their representatives and partnerships are as follows: J. J. Remedios, who is captain the side, and L. F. V. Ribeiro, W. A. Reed and A. E. Xavier, L. A. Carvalho and M. A. Oliveira. All of them are League players of several years' standing, so that they can look forward to this season confident that they will be able to give the strongest clubs a hard struggle.

Remedios, Carvalho and Oliveira were members of the Recreio team which won the Badminton League last winter, and it will be interesting to see how much they have benefited their volleying and smashing as a result. Reed, the hockey interporter, plays a clever game, but lacks killing shots, while Ribeiro has got quite a good idea of tennis and possesses sound defensive strokes.

## Kitchell Promoted

The Indian Recreation Club, who last won the "B" Division Shield in 1922, appear to be stronger this season than for many years past. A. R. Kitchell, who has been promoted from the "C," is a much improved player, having won the Junior Championship and the Singles Handicap in the I.R.C. Tournament. Besides being the youngest and keenest player in the side, he possesses good match temperament, and much is expected of him. M. el Arculli will take charge of the team and will have a wide selection with M. R. Abbas, J. S. A. Currie, S. A. R. Bux, A. M. Rumjahn and M. P. Madar most prominent. Currie was a member of the team which won the "A" Division Shield in 1930 and 1931, and his inclusion should, therefore, strengthen the side immensely. A. M. Rumjahn, another useful player, can be relied upon to upset his opponents owing to the fact that he is a left-hander.

The Civil Service Cricket Club can give a better account of themselves this year than last season. R. R. Todd has joined the team and will partner E. L. H. Shute. The two possess a good understanding and their standard is comparable to that of quite a number of pairs who took part in the H.K.C.C. Championships earlier in the year. J. A. Bendall, their captain, will again partner I. Agafaroff, and they are also expected to do quite well.

Bradley and Pengally will most probably fill the other vacancy. G. H. Fowler being away from the Colony on leave.

## Varsity Weakened

The Hong Kong University have lost their best players of last season. K. T. Kwik, their champion, is away on holiday, while of their doubles champions, Y. K. Ng has graduated and P. K. Liang is an unlikely starter. Their team will now probably be composed of F. Ling, T. C. Lee, N. C. Hung, H. N. Lee, J. Hsu and Y. C. Lau, their captain, while H. N. Lee was a former holder of the Varsity title.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club will select their team over the week-end. They have many players to choose from, but prominent among those who took part in their last tournament, after leaving out those likely to represent their "A" team, are G. S. Gamble, G. Marseille, W. W. Mackenzie, J. Thompson, W. M. Barton, J. C. Poole, V. R. Gordon, R. Henry, E. R. Price, L. G. Robertson and W. P. Lucy. V. R. Gordon will captain the team.

J. J. Ferguson is the captain of the Central British Association, whose team is as follows: J. M. Wilson and B. I. Bickford, N. Whitley and B. Blythe, F. Angus and J. J. Ferguson. They are a young and very promising combination who should improve greatly as the season progresses.

## Veteran C.R.C. Team

The second string of the Chinese Recreation Club can aptly be described as a "veteran team," as with one exception, the players are over 40 years of age. The team is comprised of Lan Fook Kee, Lau Man Kwong, Lau Man Ching, Wong Ping Fim, Cheung Wing Kue, and Chan Hau Po. What they lack in speed and stamina, they more than counterbalance by their mature knowledge of League competitions. Each one of them has been in several winning League teams.

Lau Fook Kee can boast a very active record over practically two decades, and he still shows plenty of vigour on the court! He will again captain the side, and they cannot be treated lightly.

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## SIAM'S TENNIS ACES WILL SOON VISIT COLONY

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Thirty-one years of age, Sanoh has had 10 years' experience of Singles championships, and has won the Siamese crown on four occasions. He is a consistently good player, possessing plenty of stamina and remarkable retrieving abilities, being very difficult to beat on the base-line, where he excels.

Besides tennis, Sanoh indulges in soccer, at which he is reputed to be one of the best centre-forwards in Siam.

## Spectacular Player

Next in ranking is Muangreong. Youngest of the visitors, being 25 years of age, he had the distinction of winning the Singles title in 1931, when he beat a younger brother of Sanoh. The latter did not participate that year. Muangreong has a bright future before him, especially as he possesses strokes which are far and above the best in Siam.

An aggressive player, the champion is in all probability, the most spectacular of the Siamese, and his tall stature, coupled with a fine physique, makes him an attractive figure. At his best, he is superior to Sanoh and the better all-rounder of the two, but he lacks the consistency of the latter, who has met and beaten him in the final by the odd set every season since 1931.

A returned student from England and France, where he followed the championships very keenly, Muangreong is an adept at soccer, being captain of a club which possesses one of the strongest teams in Siam. He is a centre-half.

## Badminton Champion

Winner of the Siamese Badminton Championship, Brajuab, a third member of the party, took up lawn tennis only four years ago. In that short period, however, he has made such remarkable progress that, together with Sanoh, he now holds the Siamese Doubles title. He is even steadier than the singles champion and so much of a "stone-waller" that his countrymen have dubbed him the "Great Wall of China."

He possesses strong volleying strokes and naturally shows up best at the net, but is a good all-rounder. He has also seen the Wimbledon Championships, and last year won the Siamese Handicap Singles event.

## Experienced Player

Porn, the last member of the quartette, a former English student, has also followed the Wimbledon Championships. He has acquired a wide experience of the game and, although without a title so far, he has always reached the advanced stages during the eight years he has competed in the championships. His best performance was with Brajuab, when the pair reached the final of the Doubles Championship.

The team is assured of a warm welcome locally, and tentative arrangements have already been made with leading clubs to accommodate them. They will arrive here on June 4 by the s.s. Helios and are expected to stay here for a fortnight, including a trip to Canton and, it is hoped, one to Macau.

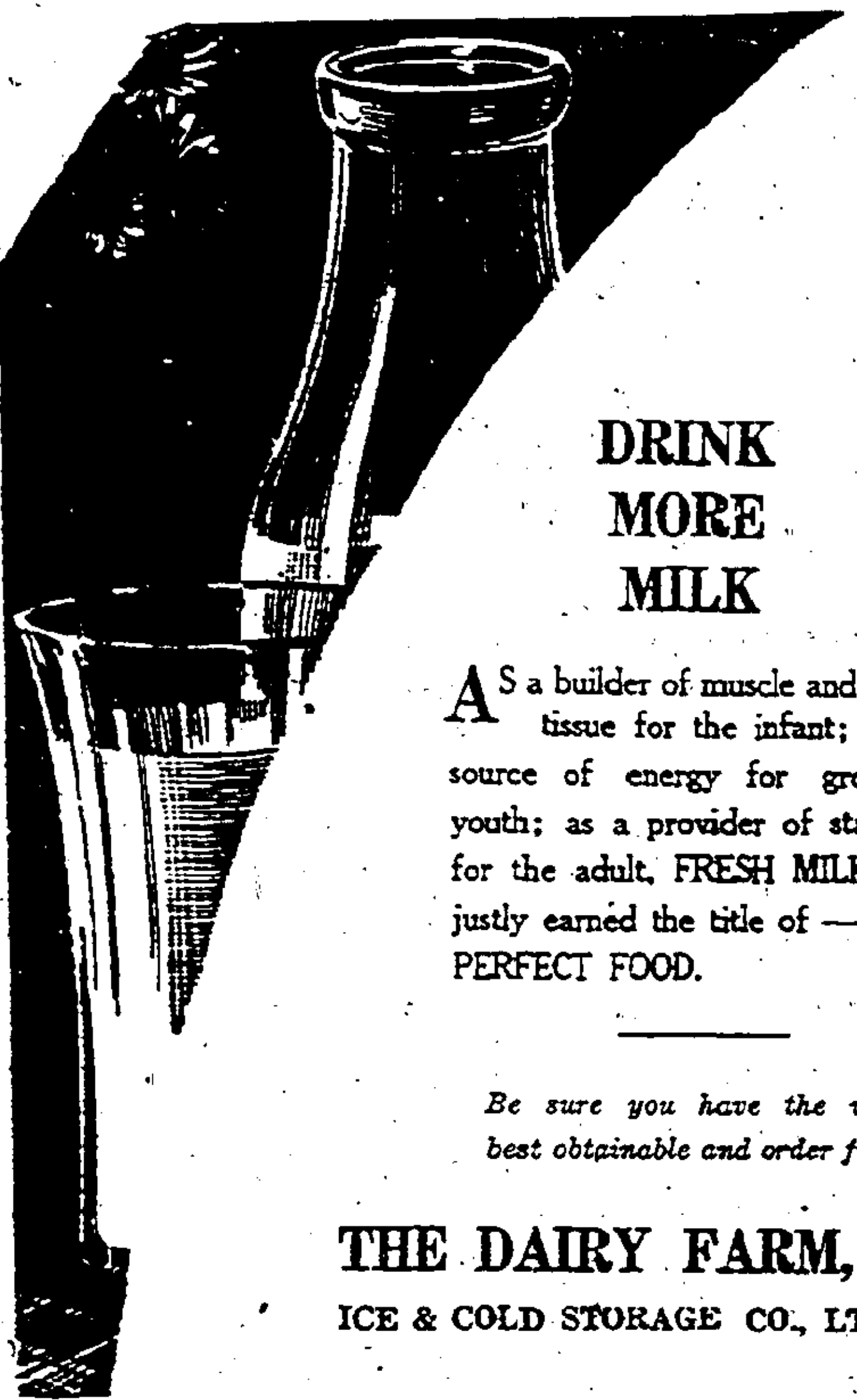
## Pride Of Place

Lawn Tennis and soccer hold pride of place in sports circles throughout Siam. Silom Club, Bangkok, is the "Mecca" of all Siamese tennis players, and it is there that the Lawn Tennis Association of Siam hold their championships annually. The game is exceedingly popular and evokes tremendous interest, especially among the higher classes—Prince Pitya holds the position of President of the Lawn Tennis Association. Another enthusiastic player is Prince Damrong, who is well-known in the Colony, while Prince Petch, who is also no stranger to the Colony, is also a keen player.

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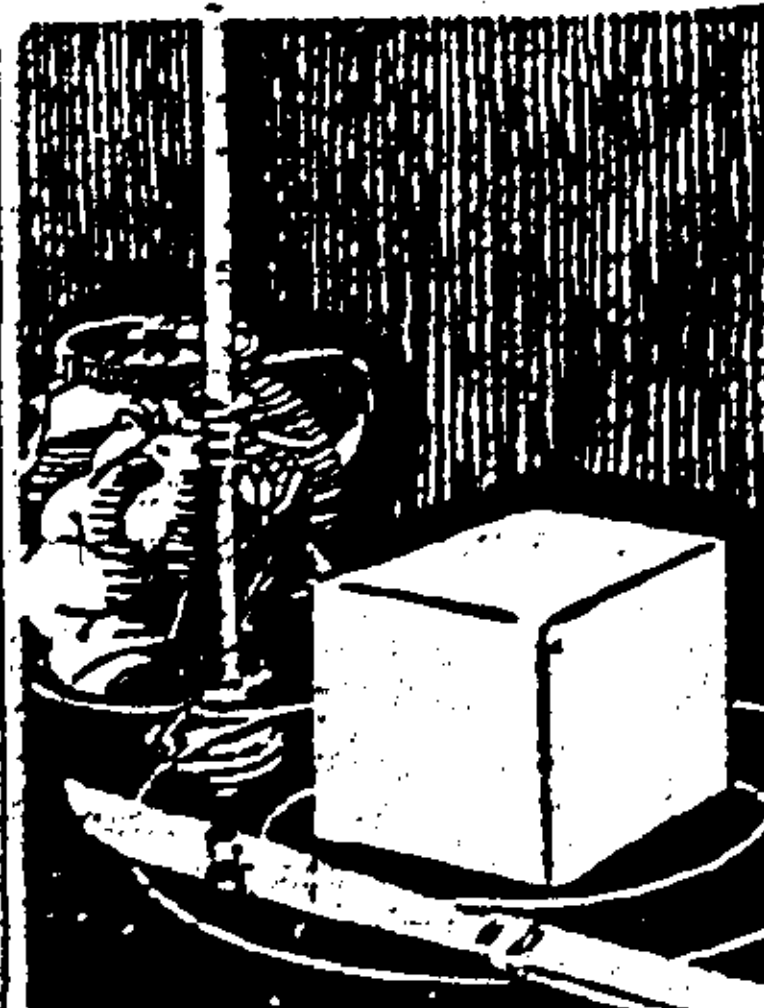
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## THE STAKE

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And as he thought this, the despair of his heart gripped him harder. He was a failure. No use to fight any longer. It only remained now to perfect the plan.

The men across the aisle came back as the train was pulling into North Philadelphia. The stout fair man was with them. They were all in high humour. Before he could stop them they had breezily swept him into their conversation. The fair man was Kunkle, the thin fellow was Nelson, and the older, bald chap was Grover, all commercial travellers. Dan had one question at least he wanted to ask of them.

"You all going through to New York?" he said.

Kunkle replied, "Yep. It'll be the Great White Way for us for a week or so, eh, fellows?"

"Do you know a decent hotel where the price is moderate?" Dan asked.

"Sure thing! We all go to the Demarest, down on West Eleventh Street. Swell place, that is, if you aren't too particular. Isn't that so, Nelson?"

Nelson agreed with detailed enthusiasm, and Dan made a mental note of the name and address. A cheap hotel was necessary for him. He must husband his slender funds until... well, as long as he would need them.

A particularly vicious drive of sleet rattled the windows.

"Well," said the fair Kunkle, "it's going to be an old stinger of a night, all right. Not as bad as Chicago, but let me tell you, New York can put on a pretty neat little blizzard too, when she tries!"

And that night New York tried.

By four o'clock in the afternoon the paks of the skyscrapers had been levelled and lost in the snow-heavy air. By five, traffic was slowing up, and the crowds shuffled through drifts into the subways, their heads down, battling against the storm. By seven, the street cars and buses had given up the struggle. Only an occasional churning taxi careened through the white ruts. Fifth Avenue looked deserted. Even Broadway was dimmed. An icy wind drove hard from the north and whistled up side streets and alleys. It did its worst in one particular little court wedged in between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets. It was a spot given over to garbage cans, packing boxes, and evil-smelling cellar-ways, but with a place in ordinary times where homeless creatures—men or dogs—could sometimes pilfer a hunk of stale bread or a night's lodging, unnoticed, in a doorway. To-night there were no men there, but there was a dog, a small brown tramp pup, of indeterminate ancestry. His hair was long and matted now with frozen snow. His brown eyes blinked anxiously below a shower of many icicles. He crouched in a doorway, watching the drifting snow rise higher, pondering on the impenetrable fate that seemed to be closing in on him.

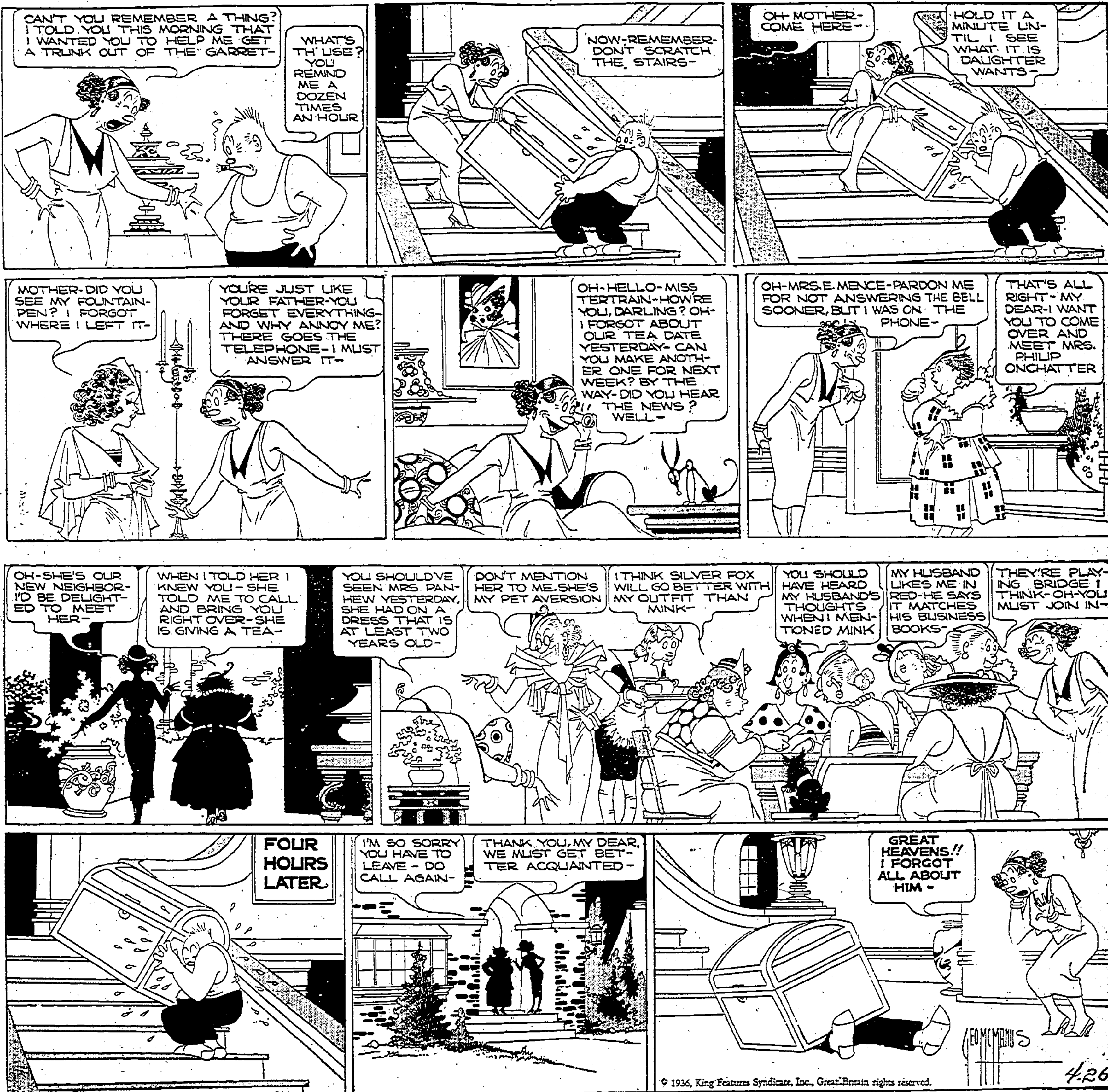
As the strange white death came nearer, the anxiety in the brown eyes turned to panic. There was no hope of better haven in the alleys. He had learned that long ago, thankful enough then for the shelter of the doorway. Now he shook his coat as though to reassure himself with the familiar motion, then with a desperate resolve he started down the steps.

Once in the court itself, it was hard going. With the first plunge from the steps he disappeared into the drift beneath. But little by little his small, snuffling, persistent nose reached the air again. His feet, he discovered, were beginning to have a peculiar numbness in them, but they could still obey his commands.

He experimented now and then with flying jumps, but he landed so deep in the snow each time that he settled at last to a slow, grim battle forward. In his small dog brain, there was the sure knowledge that death waited for him behind in the familiar doorway. And with this knowledge was a tattered bit of hope that kept him straining on: somewhere ahead, if he could only get out of the court, there might be a door that would open enough to let him scuttle through and find warmth and safety. Nothing in his past experience justified this hope, and yet there it was. An open door! The heaven of it, to a small tramp pup on a night like this! His chest seemed bursting, his stomach was empty and the pads of his feet frozen, but he pressed on towards the street.

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## Bringing Up Father



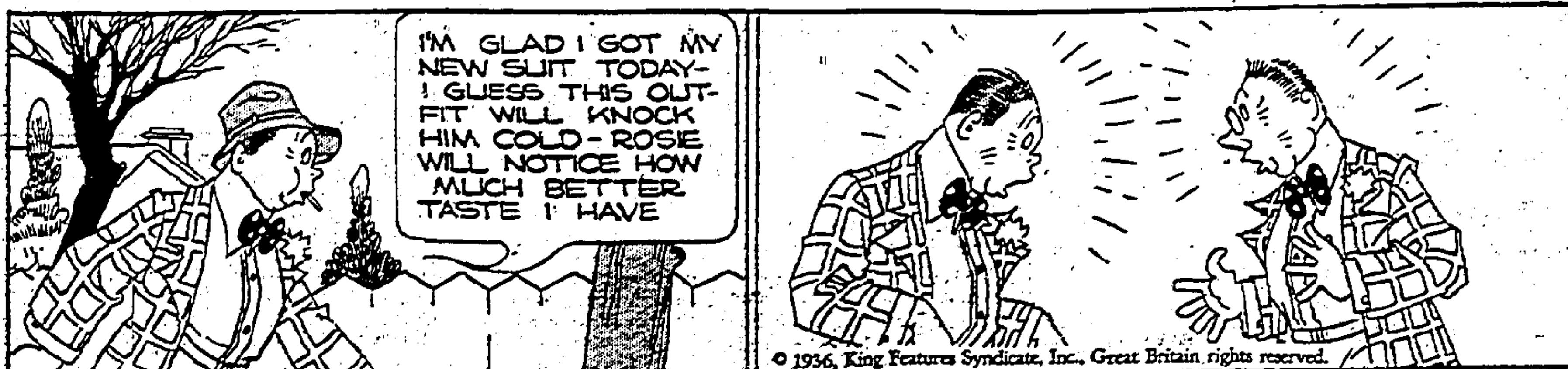
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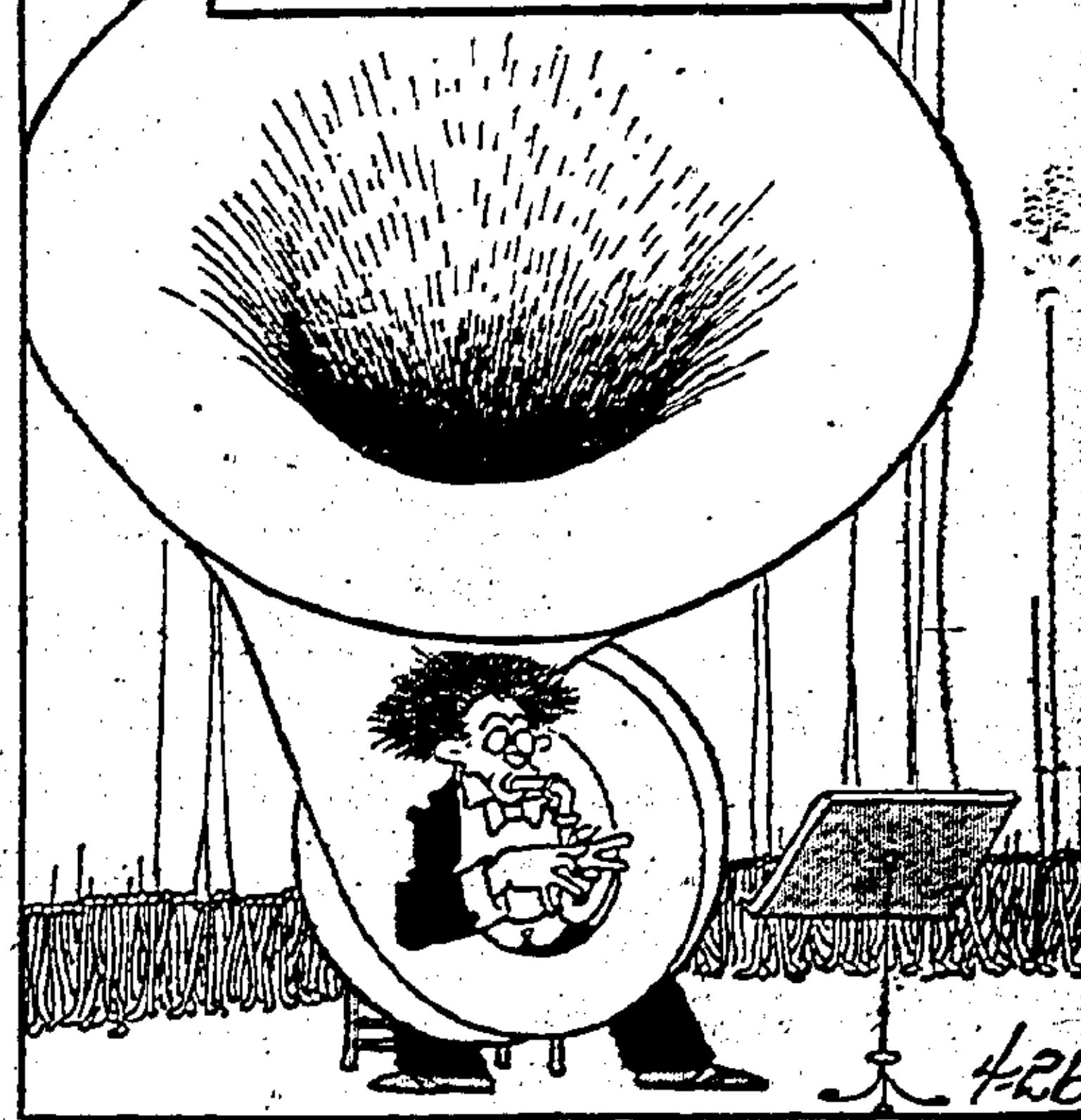
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**"Little America"**

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This is a stirring film that everyone must see, as from innumerable points of view the picture is invaluable. Day after day these courageous men faced death, but they have proved conclusively how valuable this part of the world is, with its vast deposits of coal and mineral wealth still unexploited. Not to be missed. (Queen's).

**"Show Them No Mercy"**

This is a grim tale of a lawlessly executed kidnapping by four gangsters, Cesar Romero, Bruce Cabot, Edward Brophy and Warren Hymer. The story is of intense interest, made doubly so by the realisation that the ruthless methods employed are true to life. In this picture, though, justice wins, but not before one shares in moments of stark terror. How the Federal men lay their plans and gradually close the net in on the suspects is an engrossing part of the picture.

The cast in every way has been excellently chosen. Cesar Romero is the "brains" of the gang, but the other three gangsters display talents heretofore unsuspected and certainly make the most of their roles. Edward Norris, a newcomer, and pretty Rochelle Hudson provide the heart interest, and provide intense excitement when they are trapped in the kidnapper's den with their child and dog. Let it be said too, that this wire-haired dog almost steals the show, and provides the only enlivening moments in a story fraught with the horror of what men will do when obsessed with greed.

The film is full of grand touches, proves conclusively that crime does not pay, and gives excellent chances to the cast (especially Bruce Cabot) — all of which goes to make a gripping experience for the filmgoer wise enough to choose this Twentieth-



Cesar Romero, Edward Norris and Rochelle Hudson are seen here in a scene from "Show Them No Mercy," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.



Rochelle Hudson and Edward Norris are the innocent victims of the new underworld terror in "Show Them No Mercy," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.

Century-Fox picture for his evening's enjoyment. (King's).

**Star, Kowloon**

Carole Lombard, Fred MacMurray, Ralph Bellamy (almost stealing the picture) and Astrid Allwyn in "Hands Across the Table." Smart comedy, ably directed by Mitchell Leisen, which tells how a pretty manicurist in search of a rich husband successfully lands a millionaire playboy, but unfortunately finds that his inheritance is only to be had through a rich marriage. This leads to many complications, but all ends as one hopes.

This is followed by a real old-fashioned melodrama, "Barbary Coast," Miriam Hopkins, Edward G. Robinson, Joel McCrea, Brian Donley (making a "bit" stand out) and many more in a rip-roaring tale of the old San Francisco when vice reigned supreme. Here our pretty heroine "The White Swan" finds tragedy and love. If you are out for action and first-class acting here is your picture.

Then comes a film for which we have long waited, "The Torch Singer," giving lovely Claudette Colbert a chance to sing and act. Aiding her we have well-liked David Manners (seldom seen these days, I regret to say), Ricardo Cortez, baby Shirley Christensen, Baby le Roy, Lydia Roberti, and Cora Sue Collins. Not to be missed. (Star).

**Oriental**

"Rendezvous" is a lively modern version of a war-time spy drama. William Powell and Rosalind Russell make the hero and heroine a delight to watch, while Binnie Barnes, Lionel Atwill, Cesar Romero and others help to put over this exciting, if improbable, story with distinction, perfect ease and ability.

This is followed by the M.G.M. classic, "A Tale of Two Cities," Dickens' great tragedy of the French Revolution gives scope for excellent portrayals by an enormous cast headed by Ronald Colman, Elizabeth Allan, Donald Woods, Claud Gillingwater, Basil Rathbone, Edna May Oliver and Blanche Yurka, in addition to thousands of extras who provide a most spectacular showing, with M.G.M. sparing no expense to make it a box-office sensation.

Ginger Rogers and Lyle Talbot head the cast in a light comedy-drama "The Thirteenth Guest." This film was made before our lovely little dancer had made her name world-famous, but she is always worth seeing, no matter how trivial the offering may be. (Oriental).

**Majestic**

"The Three Musketeers" is the first talkie version of Dumas' classic, with a strong cast comprising Walter Abel, Heather Angel, Margot Grahame, Paul Lukas, Moroni Olsen and many more. A colourful drama well mounted and permitting the cast to do justice to the material.

Dick Powell and Jean Blondell are next on the list in "The Broadway Gondolier." Amusing story, catchy songs and a fine cast. Not to be missed.

Leslie Howard and Merle Oberon follow in another story of the French Revolution era. "The Scarlet Pimpernel," from the famous novel by Baroness Orczy, lends itself to screening, and the big cast do well, although most of the limelight is on the hero, Leslie Howard. (Majestic) — DIANE.

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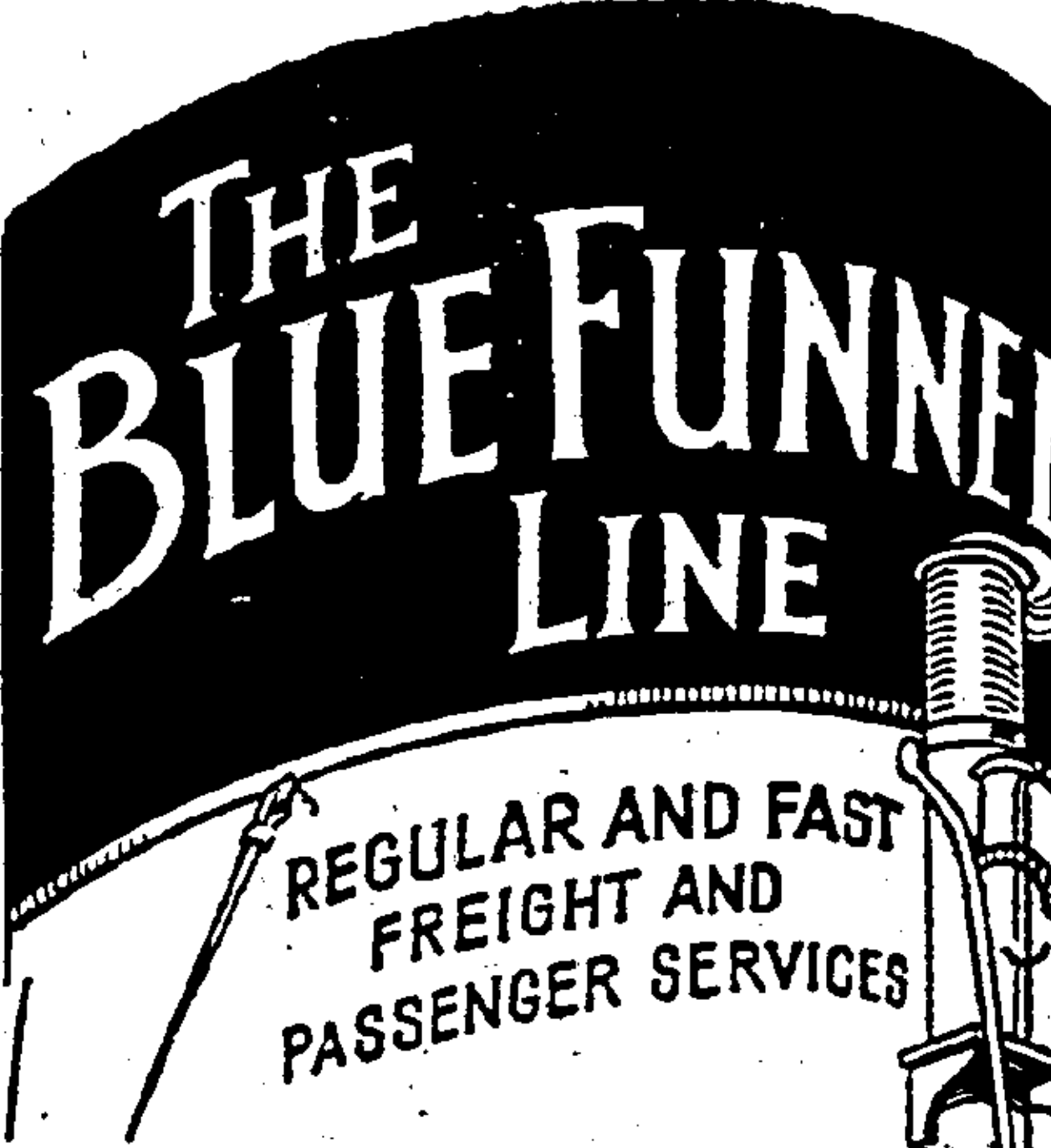
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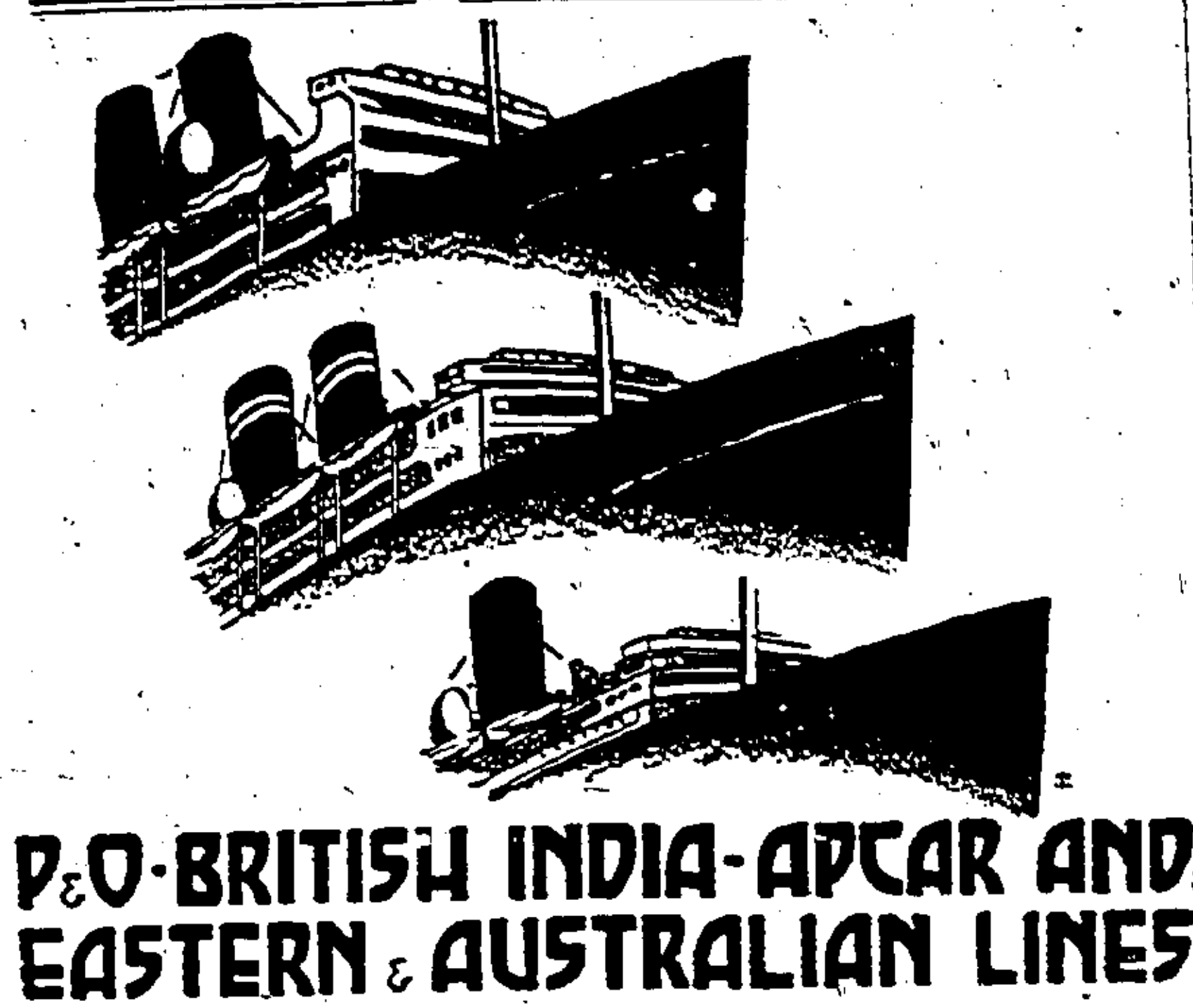
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## THE STAKE

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Dan McKnight collected his belongings slowly as the train pulled into the Pennsylvania station. His logical mind had done some of its best work in the last two hours. He had his plans laid, and he had decided not to delay. He would go to the Demarest Hotel. He would make a pretence of friendliness with these fellows, Kunkle and Nelson and Grover. He would appear to be in the best of spirits. He would sit round with them that night in the lobby, tell some jokes, play up to them, arrange to have breakfast with them the next morning, say good-night to them in high spirits, leave word at the desk that he wanted to be called at seven.

As to the rest, he had thought of the perfect way, that would be written large across the episode. Now that the resolve was fixed and the details determined upon, Dan felt an unreal elation seize him. It was almost without effort that he slumped Kunkle's back in the narrow vestibule of the train.

"Not very familiar with New York, old man?" Kunkle asked.

"Not very."

"Say, boy, I'll show you the ropes! I know some places that will knock your eye out. I suppose we can't do anything but stick around the hotel to-night, but to-morrow night we'll step out!"

"Yes," Dan grinned. "To-morrow night! That'll be fine!"

The wind leaped at them as the four men left the station with their bags. The snow was blinding.

"Gosh," said Nelson, "don't they run taxis any more in this place? Uh! Ain't this a blizzard?"

It was Dan who finally commandeered a taxi, wading into the street to do it. The men all piled in, hoisterously.

"Say, do you know what I'm going to have for dinner?" Grover smacked his lips. "A beef steak two inches thick with mushrooms!"

Dan was smiling ironically to himself. He had heard of men ordering their last dinner with care.

"What am I going to have?" he repeated with a start. "Oh, I think I'll order everything I like best!"

"Atta boy," said Kunkle. "Well, here we are."

The Demarest Hotel was of a type new to Dan, who in the old days had known only the best. The big revolving lobby let them into a small square lobby smelling heavily of tobacco smoke. There were leather chairs and couches on all sides, a few palms in the corner and several spittoons.

"Clean and common," Dan muttered to himself. The men ushered him up to the desk, where a suave little man presided as clerk.

He greeted the three men by name, commented on the storm, told them some of their old friends were already registered, and assigned them their rooms all in a breath. Then he looked at Dan.

"Meet Mr. McKnight, Mr. Keniston. We've told him you'd fix him up O.K."

Mr. Keniston sized Dan up shrewdly. The fit of his clothes, the bag by his side, the way he stood, proclaimed him a member of another world.

"We have a nice little suite on the top floor," he said, "with sitting-room and bath."

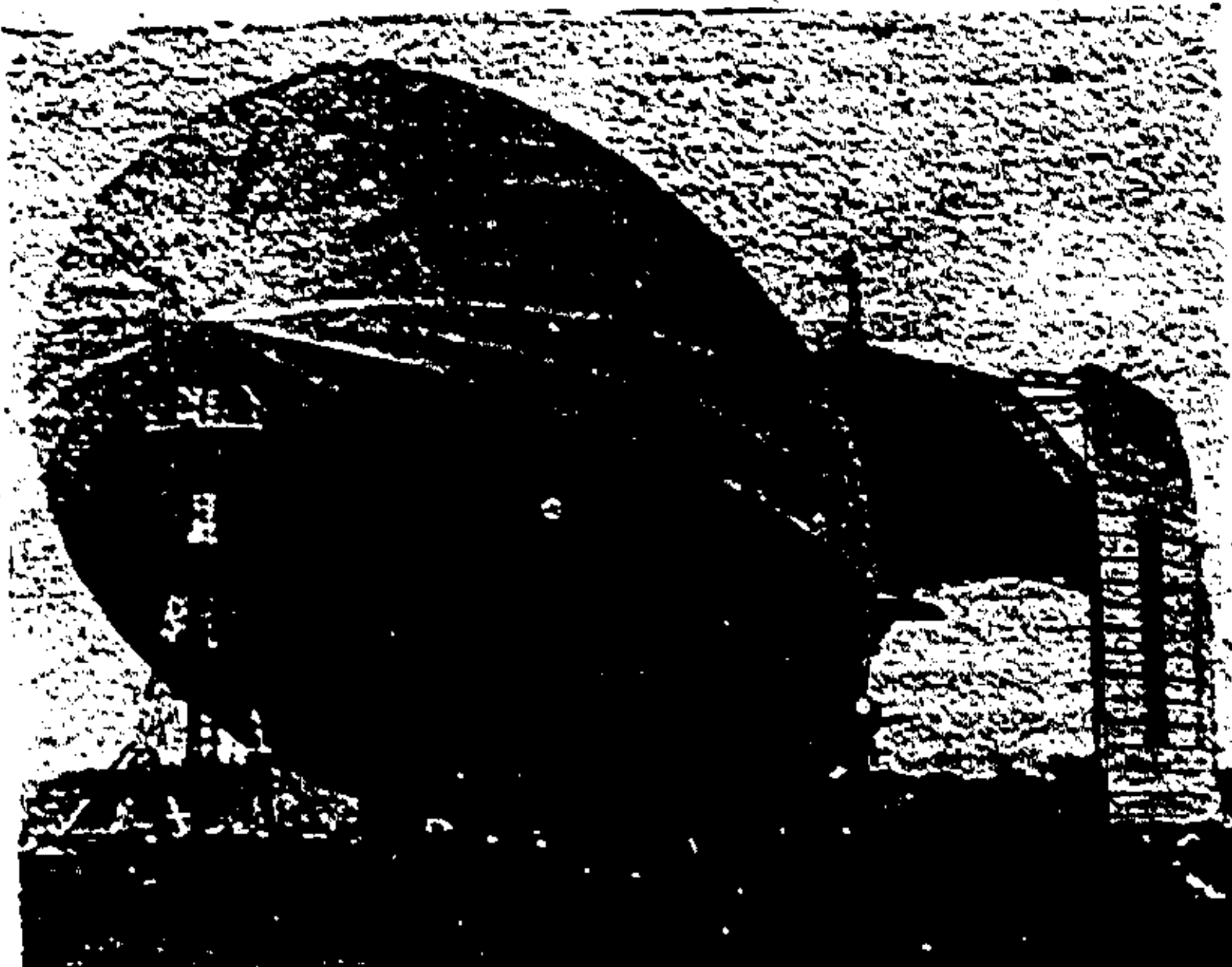
Kunkle broke in.

"Say, who do you think this is? Listen, we told this guy you'd fix him up reasonable, and here you go talking about suites! Now come down to earth, Keniston."

The clerk retracted quickly. Dan was given a room next to Kunkle, which suited his purpose admirably.

They had dinner together. Dan felt a strange, almost dizzy lightness of mind. He kept his thoughts away from to-morrow. He loved himself in the easy jollity of the men about him. He was done with worrying. He was done with problems that cut and tore his heart. He knew the answer to them all. And that answer would be final to-night.

It was after nine when they adjourned to the lobby. It was warm there and, in a masculine way, inviting. The men introduced Dan to three more of their friends who were already seated



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There was an exchange of cigars. They drew the chairs nearer into a large half-circle. Through the front windows they could hear the beat of the storm.

It was in the middle of one of Kunkle's stories that the revolving door turned slowly, admitting a man—and something else. The other object stood, dazed and blinking, near the door. It was a small brown dog, his hair matted with snow, his eyes looking out from below ragged icicles.

"Well, look at the pup!"

"Say, do you call that thing a dog?"

There was a burst of loud laughter, and the small tramp scuttled under a couch.

The page, grinning, extricated him and put him out of the door. The incident appeared to be closed.

Only Dan muttered, "It's a bad night to throw even a dog out!"

"Oh, that mongrel will get in somewhere, don't worry," Kunkle remarked cheerfully.

The tide of salesmen's reminiscences flowed on again apace. But Dan found it harder now to concentrate. The sight of the dog had brought thoughts of Linda, and he did not want to think of her to-night. Linda loved dogs, all kinds, from thoroughbreds to mongrels. One of her dreams was to have a place in the country big enough to keep a pack of collies. Dan himself had always preferred setters. They used to plan how some day they would have...

"Well, can you beat that? There he is again!"

Once more just inside the door where he had skillfully heeled a late-comer, stood the tramp pup. This time there was fear in his eye, as well as hope. He trotted hastily back to the corner behind the circle of chairs, apparently trying to make himself as inconspicuous as possible. But the eagle eye of the clerk behind the desk had spied him. He called the page.

"Didn't I tell you to put that thing out? Take him down the street this time and lose him, see?"

"Yes, sir," the boy returned grinning.

It was more difficult this time to catch the pup. With the desperation of one who sees his heaven snatched from him, the little dog evaded his captor. The men, pleased at the diversion, looked on with interest. The boy finally ran down his prey in the dark recess of a telephone booth.

The dog struggled as he was being borne to the door. Dan jumped to his feet.

"Look here," he said, "don't throw him out. It's an awful night, you know."

The clerk smoothed his sleek hair and smiled ingratiatingly at Dan.

"Sorry, Mr. McKnight. We really can't keep him here. He'll duck in somewhere else, no doubt."

The door revolved and the boy and the dog passed into the storm.

Kunkle suddenly slapped his knee. "Listen," he said, leaning nearer the group, "what do you bet the pup comes back again?"

Say, fellows, what do you bet? Come on, ante up. I'm laying fifty cents on the pup."

"Aw, you're crazy. He won't come back," said Nelson.

"Bet a dollar he will!"

"Take you up."

The men hitched their chairs nearer together. Here was an interest. Here was sport.

The page returned, still grinning.

"He won't bother us no more. I took him down the street and left him at the corner in a snow-drift."

that had him at bay was also pursuing the pup. Relentless forces closed in on men—and dogs. There was no use fighting beyond a point. More than ever he was convinced that his great decision was not only wise but inevitable.

The clock over the desk read ten o'clock. Kunkle yawned openly. Grover and Nelson argued over business. Dan took out his notebook and set down several items and addresses that he wished to be found there—later.

Suddenly there was a shout from Kunkle. Everyone started. There, just within the door, was the pup, his eyes weary and blood-shot under their frozen fringe, but the tiny spark of hope still there. He ducked behind a chair, but the clerk and page had heard the shout and had seen him. The hunt was on.

"What did I tell you?" Kunkle boasted, pocketing his dollar. "Say, when they put him out this time—"

"Surely they won't," Dan said. But they did. The wail was dragged at last from beneath a dining-room table. His battered, snowy little legs drooped piteously beneath the page's arm as he was borne to outer darkness once again.

"Come on, fellows," Kunkle said delightedly, "this is gettin' good. I'm bettin' fifteen on the revolutions of the door, see? I bet you he's back again the twelfth time that door swings!"

"All right, I'll take the fifteenth."

"Eighteenth for me!"

"Twentieth! ... Twentieth!"

"Ain't you gettin' in on this, McKnight?"

"I am in on it," Dan said grimly. And the white set of his lips kept Kunkle from pressing him further.

As to Dan, something had happened to him as he watched the last exit of the dog. His throat tightened. There was a hot mist across his eye-balls.

"He doesn't know when he's licked, the plucky little devil. He just goes on fighting!"

And then, through his gritted teeth, he muttered, "If he comes back once more, they'll have to put pup and I'll keep him, and I'll me out with him! I'll take that pup and I'll keep him, and I'll hold on a bit longer myself!"

If he comes back—

The door revolved once, twice, three times in quick succession. Then there was a lull. The men leaned forward, speculating.

"He won't come back. The poor mutt was about winded when they threw him out the last time!"

"Yeah, he was about all in."

The conversation grew spirited as to whether or not a dog ever froze to death. Dan got up and walked about the lobby. The door turned for the eighth, the tenth, the twelfth time. Kunkle had lost.

The clock hand moved slowly round towards eleven. The sleek still beat against the windows. The door kept turning, all eyes upon it. Fifteen, sixteen, eighteen.

By eleven-thirty the door had turned twenty-five times, and the dog had not returned. It seemed as though all guests were in for the night.

"Well," said Kunkle, "I guess we all lose. Nobody bet higher than the twenty-fifth, unless—"

He glanced curiously at Dan.

But Dan did not look up. His face was drawn, and his hands were clenched.

"He's got to come back," he was muttering to himself. "Poor little beggar! If there's any mercy for men or dogs, he's got to come back!"

At a quarter to twelve the door swung for the twenty-sixth time. Kunkle stood up.

"Well, fellows, I think I'll hit the hay."

"Me too," said Grover. "I guess

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we've seen the last of the pup."

"Yeah," Nelson agreed, rising. "Well, the fun was good while it lasted."

The other men rose. Dan did too. He was white. He had played once again for the highest of all stakes and lost. The sooner the game ended now the better, he told himself with bitterness.

He pulled himself together and responded in kind to Kunkle's breezy parting remarks.

"Have breakfast with us, old timer?"

"Fine," Dan said thickly. "And to-morrow night we'll step out high, wide and handsome!"

"Absolutely!"

They stopped at the desk. "Call me at a quarter to seven," Kunkle said.

"And me at seven," Dan added. They walked towards the elevator. It was up at the fourth floor. As they stood waiting Dan looked back over his shoulder. Then his eye riveted on a curious movement of the revolving door. It turned slightly and stopped. Then turned a little more, and stopped. The figure of a man could be seen, evidently struggling with some impediment. The page hurried to his assistance. A large man with two suit-cases emerged, kicking out from between his feet a small brown object that lay still on the lobby floor where it had dropped. The newcomer was startled by a chorus of shouts. There was even a cheer as well as explanations and apologies from the clerk. But Dan heard nothing. With three leaps he had reached the dog's side, and gathered him up in his arms. The brown eyes were half shut, but Dan thought he caught a tiny glint of triumph in them. He walked to the desk and when he spoke this time there was something in his voice to which the clerk gave respectful heed, something in his voice that had been missing for a long time.

"This dog," he said clearly, "is going to sleep in my room to-night! If you want one of us to leave, the other goes too! Meanwhile, I want a basin full of warm broth sent up at once! Please hurry!"

It was an hour later. The tramp pup had been rubbed dry on the best hotel towels. He had

lapped warm broth till his empty little stomach expanded with comfort. He had licked Dan's hands till he couldn't lick them any more. He had yapped sharp, joyful yaps. For at last he had entered into his heaven and, greatest bliss of all, had found a god there.

The telephone on the night table rang sharply. With the pup still in his arms, Dan sprang to the instrument.

"Yes," he said. He realised he was trembling.

"Mr. McKnight—your call is through to Chicago. Go ahead!"

"Linda!"

He could hear her quick catch of breath.

"Dan... is it you?"

"Yes. I had to speak to you to-night if it took my last cent. Linda darling, I'm not giving up. I never felt the fight so strong in me. I'm going out to-morrow and to get a job. I don't know where, but I'll land something, and I'll find a god there."

"Oh, Dan!" Her joy came flooding to him over the wire.

"And when I get any kind of a job, I want you to come on at once, even if I can't afford more than one room. For I'm going to fight to get you back, Linda, whether I've lost you or not. You've got to give me another chance."

"But you haven't lost me, Dan! I thought it was you that had stopped caring."

"When I die, Linda. Not before. And now about Bruce Hartley—"

There was the faintest pause and then Linda's voice came pleadingly.

"I was afraid you wouldn't like that if you ever found out. But Bruce has so much influence. I thought surely I could get him to do something for you. You see, I was so desperate for you, dear."

"Linda!" All his heart went out to her in the word. He, too, felt a heaven enfolding him.

Then suddenly from his arms there came a sharp, joyous bark. Linda's voice broke into an hysterical little laugh.

"What on earth was that, Dan? It sounded like a—"

"It is," Dan said triumphantly. "I won him to-night... on a bet!"


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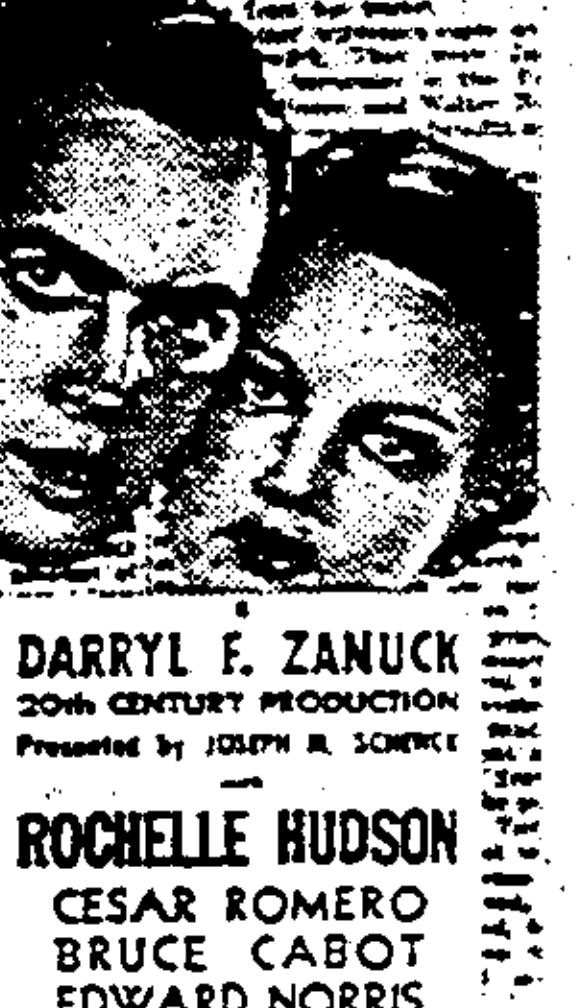
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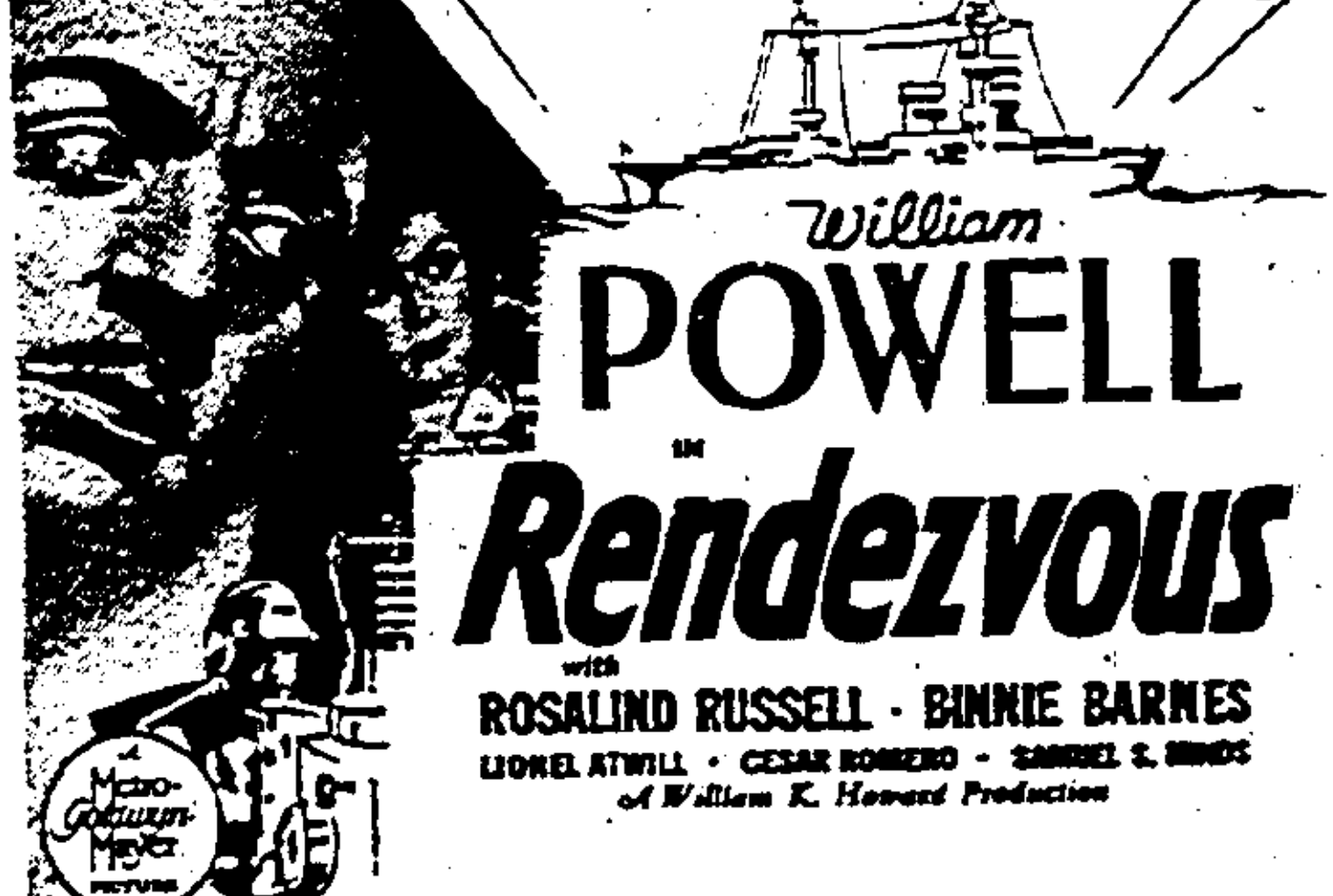
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## Union Insurance Society

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"Your suggestion that our department reserves are beyond requirements is entirely erroneous. These Reserves cannot even be described as unduly conservative — they are merely normal. As to the 'carry-over' to which you refer, it is hoped to use a considerable percentage of this in connection with a reduction of the unpaid share liability. I hope you will agree that this will be beneficial to Shareholders."

"One other point to which you draw attention is the Equalisation of Dividend Fund, that you consider might have been called upon to augment this year's Dividend. With greater justification I suggest that the fund could have been drawn upon during any of the past three years when augmentation of interest earnings was necessary to meet dividend requirements. It is the opinion of your Directors, however, that the purpose of the fund is to meet unanticipated emergencies, and not to be used to postpone a Dividend reduction for a year or two."

**Weakens Structure**  
"Although you will congratulate us upon maintaining our substantial income, you will have noticed from my previous remarks that this income probably carries a greater liability than at any previous time, also that profits from insurance business to-day are considerably less than in former years. This experience is a general one and the present is not a time to weaken our structure by drawing upon our resources. "I am sorry I cannot promise you an early return to the old dividend basis, but I can give you and all shareholders an assurance that just so soon as your Directors see any justification for a dividend increase, even though a dividend increase, even though in a smaller amount than 5 per cent, they will be very happy to recommend that it be paid."

**Other Business**  
Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. T. A. Mitchell were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposals of Mr. H. J. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. J. D. Danby. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$2,000 each on the proposal of Mr. A. Stephenson, seconded by Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell.

### China Fire Insurance Company, Limited

DIVIDEND OF \$12 PER SHARE

A dividend of \$12 per share, a Bonus Dividend of \$6 per share and a Contributory Bonus of 20 per cent to contributors of contributory premium, was made at the annual general meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., which was held this morning at the head offices of the Company, Union Building.

Mr. M. T. Johnson was in the Chair and was supported by Mr. C. Blaker, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. T. A. Mitchell and Mr. K. S. Morrison (Directors), Mr. A. W. Hughes (General Manager) and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, J. Bentley, B. M. C. da Cunha, Leigh Garner, W. T. Mansfield, F. H. Farnes and A. A. Alves.

In making his annual report the Chairman, Mr. M. T. Johnson, said: "The variations in the figures are to a large extent brought about by fluctuations in exchange. The rate of exchange of the Hong Kong Dollar on Sterling on December 31, 1935 was taken at 1/3-5/8 as compared with 1/8-3/4 the previous year. This factor was chiefly responsible for the increase in underwriting figures and interest earnings."

"Turning to the Revenue Accounts you will see that the 1934 Marine Account has been closed and a Profit of \$64,590.14 carried to Profit and Loss Account. The Marine Fund at the end of the year including the additional Reserve amounted to \$228,328.32."

**Customary Reserve**  
"The Fire Accounts have been closed by setting up a customary Reserve of 40 per cent. for Madwick to Mr. W. Schofield at unexpired liability and reserving the Central Police Court this in full for all known outstanding morning when Kong Lau, unemployed, was charged with the theft of two beehives with bees from Rapier Villas, Tai Hang Road, yesterday."

"The Accident and General Account has been similarly dealt

with and the Loss of \$17,601.41 carried to Profit and Loss Account."

"Your Directors recommend a Dividend of \$12 per share and a Bonus Dividend of \$6 per share, being the same as for last year. "The Balance at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account is \$1,118,306.05."

"With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as presented."

Mr. Leigh Garner seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts which was unanimously carried.

**Other Business**  
The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. T. A. Mitchell were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. J. W. Alabaster, seconded by Mr. F. H. Farnes.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for a remuneration of \$1,500 each on the proposal of Mr. B. M. C. da Cunha, seconded by Mr. A. A. Alves.

### British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

DIVIDEND OF 7S. PER SHARE

The annual general meeting of the British Traders' Insurance Co. Ltd. was held this morning in the registered offices of the Company, Union Building, when Mr. M. T. Johnson, who presided, declared a dividend of seven shillings per share and a Contributory Bonus of 20 per cent to contributors of Contributory premium.

The Chairman was supported by Mr. C. Blaker, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. T. A. Mitchell and Mr. K. S. Morrison (Directors) and Mr. A. W. Hughes (General Manager).

The following shareholders were also present: Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, J. Bentley, B. M. C. da Cunha, Leigh Garner, W. T. Mansfield and V. R. V. Ribeiro. Chairman's Speech

The Chairman, in his review of the year, said: "The 1934 Marine Account has been closed and the Profit of \$3,410.34 carried to Profit and Loss Account. The marine fund at the end of the year including the additional reserve amounted to \$120,954.45."

"The Fire Account has been closed by setting up a Reserve of 40 per cent. for unexpired liability and reserving in full for all known outstanding losses, and leaves a profit of \$3,518.11.11, which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account."

"The Accident and General Account has also been dealt with in a similar manner to the Fire Account and resulted in a loss of \$2,291.16.10, which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account."

"Your Directors recommend a dividend of seven shillings per share."

"With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as presented."

Mr. W. R. Mansfield seconded the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet, which were unanimously carried.

### Other Business

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. T. A. Mitchell were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. J. W. Alabaster, seconded by Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,500 each on the proposal of Mr. J. Bentley, seconded by Mr. B. M. C. da Cunha.

Defendant denied the theft, but

## RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN AMERICA

Norris Bill Signed By President

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt has signed the Norris Bill authorising the expenditure of \$410,000, spread over the next 10 years, on rural electrification.—Reuter.

## FAMOUS PIANIST IN COLONY

To-day's Concert

Professor Wilhelm Kempff, one of Germany's foremost pianists, arrived in the Colony this morning from Shanghai by the m.v. Gneisenau and was the guest of honour at a tiffin party given by the Deutscher Klub to-day.

Professor Kempff is giving a concert at the Deutscher Klub at 5.30 p.m. to-day at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, is likely to attend.

We are asked to state that all persons attending the concert are requested to be in their seats by 5.20 p.m., as the concert will start sharp at 5.30 p.m. just after the arrival of the Governor, when the doors will be closed.

## SOLDIER SHOT IN PALESTINE

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Later: The party of Cameron Highlanders returned from the hillside without capturing the men who fired on the omnibus. The police have sent out ambush patrols.

The shooting occurred in a narrow winding defile with overhanging hills covered with trees. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency states that the attack was made by Arab snipers, who opened fire on a crowded bus and three private cars.

The occupants, escaping, notified the military authorities, who despatched the Cameron Highlanders in lorries, whereupon a sniper fired, shooting a Highlander and inflicting a deep flesh wound.—Reuter.

**SHOOTING INCIDENT**  
Later: It is learned that an Arab was seriously injured in the Old City yesterday afternoon when a British constable fired in self-defence. When he was ordered to stop for the purpose of being searched the Arab is reported to have fired a revolver at the policeman.—Reuter.

**WHOLESALE ARRESTS**  
Jerusalem: Altogether 814 Arabs and 33 Jews have been arrested since April 19 in connection with the disturbances in Palestine, according to official statistics published in the press.

Two Arabs were arrested on Wednesday on the suspicion of being concerned in the murder of a Jew in the recent shooting affair in the Edison Cinema. Wednesday was further distinguished by being the first day for weeks on which no bloodshed was reported.

The state of emergency has now been extended to all railway stations as well as railway tracks and a zone of 50 yards on each side.

**WARSHIP AT JAFFA**  
The British Destroyer Beagle has arrived at Jaffa, where the situation has grown tense, as the Arab dock-workers demand the closing of the emergency harbour of Tel Aviv, which was put up for the convenience of the Jewish merchants.

Telephonic communication between Jaffa and Jerusalem has been interrupted. The inhabitants of an Arab village near Acre have been collectively fined \$200 for having set fire to a cornfield and firing a shot at a passing motor-car.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## WEATHER REPORT

A weak anti-cyclone is situated in the Pacific to the east of Japan. Pressure is relatively low over Indo-China. South-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally, probably some rain, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

pleaded guilty to the charge of receiving them, knowing them to be stolen. Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour, but before passing sentences Mr. Schofield remarked that one would have thought that this kind of theft would carry with it its own punishment.

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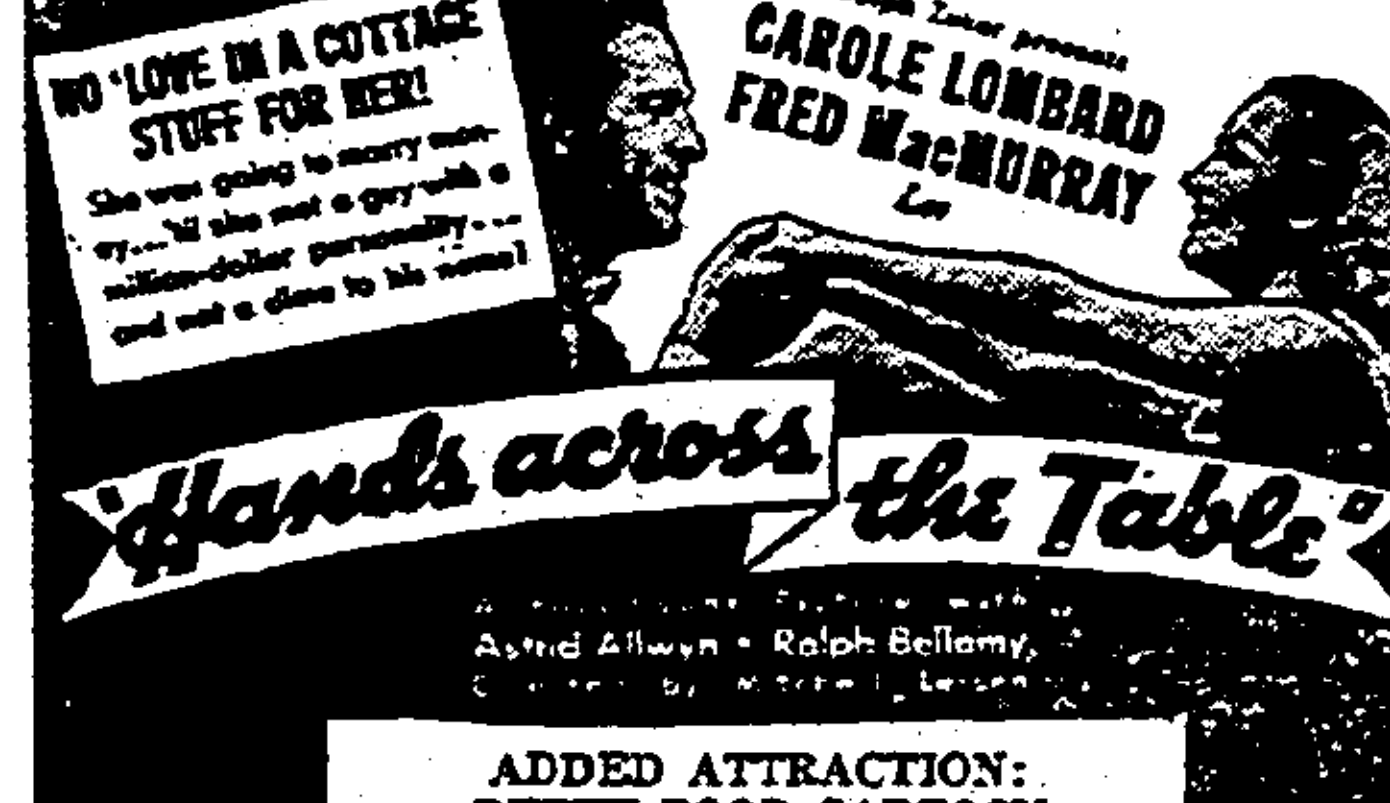


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